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Father Asks Court Restrain Tuskegee School Principal

TUSKEGEE — The father of a Tuskegee High School student has accused principal E. W. Wadsworth of threatening to assault the youth.

Justice of the Peace Richard Perry Sr. filed proceedsings Tuesday seeking to place Wadsworth under a peace bond. Perry claimed the principal threatened to shoot 16-year-old Bobby Perry.

Another of Perry's sons, Richard Perry Jr., a graduate of the school, was among four boys whom the principal accused of exploding a huge firecracker at his home Friday night.

Charges of disorderly conduct and illegally discharging fireworks were filed against the youths in city court Monday by Wadsworth.

The three accused students, Joe Kelley, Donny Tomlin, and Kim Venable, were expelled by the principal.

The elder Perry told Justice of the Peace Hunter Slaton that Wadsworth telephoned and made the threat.

Wadsworth, about 45, was arrested Tuesday night after Perry filed proceedsings with Slaton. The principal was released on $500 bond pending a 10 a.m. Tuesday hearing on the peace warrant request.

Contacted about the proceedings, Wadsworth told The Advertiser, "I have no comment."

Perry could not be reached.

Local Man Put On Probation After Arrest During Game

Sixty days' probation was ordered Friday for one of five white men arrested during racial tension at a Negro college football game here Thanksgiving Day.

D. V. Andrews pleaded innocent to a disorderly conduct charge before City Judge Eugene Loe.

Officer J. D. Sanford testified Andrews followed a group of Negroes down the street near the football stadium and cursed them. Andrews admitted calling them "damn Niggers," but said one of them had remarked that "we're going to equalize you today."

Trial of another of the five white men, Wilson Bragg, was postponed until next Friday.

They were arrested by police on emergency duty at Cramton Bowl during the game between Alabama State College and Tuskegee Institute. Although racial violence had been threatened, no incidents occurred.

Another of the five, Sonny Kyle Livingston, paid a fine of $25 and costs Wednesday on a charge of failure to obey an officer. A similar charge against Henry Alexander was dismissed, and a charge of carrying a concealed weapon also was thrown out by the city judge.

On Social Security benefits—

Negro charged with tricking elderly into paying him 'tax'

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An Avondale Negro arrested Wednesday was accused of duping persons drawing Social Security benefits into paying him money, according to police.

Fred Allen, 66, 3519 First-av, n, was charged with obtaining money under false pretense.

City Detectives J. E. Lambert and J. C. Wilson said Allen conned other Negroes into believing he could collect a lump sum payment for them in addition to their monthly income.

Allen would then tell his victims this lump sum was taxable, Lambert added. The accused reportedly then would promise to collect the sum if the "tax money" was given to him.

The detectives said Allen told Beatrice Ashley, 84, 1018 20th-st, n, he could collect $53,000 for her if she would give him $15 tax.

Other recent victims were Robert Todd, 67, 1015-B 23rd-st, n, and Mose Martin, 78, 2310 10th-al, n, police said.

Indecent Calls To 3 Women Net Negro Hard Labor Term

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Post-Herald
3-16-60

A Negro youth accused of making indecent telephone calls to three white women was given hard labor sentences totaling over nine months Monday.

Thomas Ballard Jr., 440 Hall St., was sentenced to 90 days on each of three disorderly conduct charges and was sentenced to 20 days and fined $25 and costs for resisting arrest.

The white women testified before Recorder's Court Judge Ben S. Hardeman that the indecent calls had been going on since "before last Christmas." One of them, an expectant mother, said Ballard urged her to "leave here and go up north with me."

The pregnant woman said that during one conversation, she agreed to meet the caller at Martha and Whitman streets. When she went there, she said, Ballard walked by.

The women all identified Ballard's voice as did Detective L. A. Reynolds, who listened in on some of the conversations.

Police had been trying to apprehend the anonymous caller for several months.

During the last conversation between the Negro and the women, Reynolds went to Ballard's house and said the suspect hung up the phone just as he arrived. During questioning, Reynolds, said, Ballard told him the women's telephone number from memory.

En route to headquarters, Ballard jumped out of the police car and ran. He was caught at Cramton Bowl by Detective Grady Arnette, who said he had to use force to subdue him.

The slender, 19-year-old defendant, who was employed at a white barber shop, pleaded innocent to all charges but admitted that he made one telephone call to the residence of the white women.

He claimed that another Negro man gave him the number, saying a woman wanted to get in contact with him. He placed the call, he said, but hung up after he realized he was talking to a white woman.

Ballard denied that he attempted to escape and charged he was beaten by officers at headquarters.

$1.30 robbery brings Negro life sentence

The Birmingham News
Birmingham, Ala.
3-17-60

A $1.30 robbery brought a sentence of life imprisonment to a teen-age Negro in Circuit Court here today.

Seventeen-year-old Leroy Hall was sentenced to life for robbing James H. Criswell of $1.30 cents at gun-point.

In addition, he received four other sentences totaling 80 years.

JUDGE WALLACE GIBSON read the sentences after Hall pleaded guilty to three cases of assault with attempt to murder and two robberies.

He received 20 years in each of three assault cases against Joe Albert Treadwell, 6223 Division-av; Jim Copeland, 536 Athens-av, and Marvin Reed, 608 55th-av, Fairfield, all white men.

He was meted another 20 years for robbing U. S. Headley of $75.

Another Negro teen-ager, allegedly Hall's companion in the crimes, was being tried before a Circuit Court jury.

Young Negro Wins Freedom

Birmingham Post-Herald
3-17-60

A 16-year-old Negro, wearing a stolen shirt when arrested and "positively" identified as one of a trio seen breaking into a cleaning establishment, won his own freedom in Circuit Court this week.

A jury of 12 men—all white—deliberated only minutes before returning the verdict freeing Sammy Craig Jr.

The court couldn't appoint a lawyer for the young Negro who already is under three years probation in another case, and who officers claim is implicated in a series of possibly 30 other cases, because this was not a capital case.

So Sammy was on his own—when he refused to enter a guilty plea.

Progress Report

The Montgomery Advertiser
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Here we go again. In Birmingham a 17-year-old Negro faces life imprisonment plus 80 years for his part in the $1.30 robbery of James H. Criswell.

Montgomery, Ala.
3-18-60

It was only a couple of years back that the whole world was up in arms over the case of Jimmy Wilson, Negro handyman sentenced to die by Alabama for the $1.95 robbery of an elderly white woman. His sentence was commuted to life, but that didn't silence protests.

Birmingham, Ala.
3-18-60

Abroad the case was quickly and ignorantly translated into Southerners' low regard for the life of a colored man. Robbery is a crime of violence—that is, the essential element is the mortal danger to which the victim is exposed — and not a commercial transaction. The amount taken is inconsequential, whether $1 or $50,000.

But this was gaily ignored by the propagandists and the anti-American demonstrators over the world. Alabama was prepared to make a poor Negro pay with his life for "stealing" $1.95.

Well, by that standard this case is far worse, even though the defendant has pleaded guilty. He is to pay life plus 80 years for 33% less than Wilson got. Those who waxed hysterical over the Wilson case can argue, with as much logic as then, that the quality of justice in Alabama has deteriorated by a third in the two years since.

Parole Given Negro Jailed In Kidnaping

The Montgomery Advertiser
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12-15-60

A parole was granted this week to a Negro former cab driver who served 10 years of a 45-year sentence for kidnaping two small children of a Montgomery Negro doctor.

Eugene Smith, 30, was convicted Nov. 30, 1950, of luring Dr. R. E. Tisdale's boy and girl from school by telephone and holding them until their father paid $2,000 ransom. The children were released unharmed.

At Smith's trial, police testified that $700 was found in a mayonnaise jar at his home. Trial records show the children were picked up in a taxi shortly after a caller identifying himself as Dr. Tisdale telephoned the school to send the children home.

John McIntyre, another defendant, was sentenced to five years in prison after he pleaded guilty.

Four other prisoners also paroled this week were:

Sam Ford, convicted of burglary in Jefferson County March 19, 1936, and sentenced to 60 years.

James D. Skinner, embezzlement, Montgomery, 13 months, July 28, 1960.

Willie Lee Speight, grand larceny, Jefferson, 2 years, March 31, 1960.

Donald George Waites, burglary, Jefferson, 3 years, Nov. 11, 1959.

4 Youths Fined, Principal Clear

The Montgomery Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.
12-15-60

TUSKEGEE (AP) — A peace warrant against a high school principal here has been withdrawn, and four youths have pleaded guilty to charges of disorderly conduct and discharging fireworks near the principal's home.

The peace warrant against Principal E. W. Wadsworth of Tuskegee High School was obtained by Richard Perry Sr. Nov. 28 after Perry said Wadsworth threatened to shoot his 16-year-old son, Bobby Perry.

Another son, Richard Perry Jr., a graduate of the school, was among four youths charged by Wadsworth in city court with disorderly conduct and shooting a firecracker near his home. Also charged were Joe Kelley, Donny Tomlin and Kim Venable. All paid fines of $10 on each charge.

Four Youths Face Charges In Bombing At Residence Of Tuskegee High Principal

Charged with exploding a powerful "aerial bomb" in the front yard of E.W. Wadsworth, Tuskegee High School principal, four local youths face charges of disorderly conduct and possession of illegal fireworks and are scheduled to appear in City Court next Monday.

Three of the youths-Joe Kelly, Donny Tomlin and Kim Venable-were high school students and have been expelled by Prof. Wadsworth. The fourth, Richard Perry, Jr., is a 1959 graduate of the school.

The bombing took place last Friday night and neighbors of the Wadsworth home said the explosion shook the entire neighborhood. Two occupants of the Wadsworth home, Mrs. B.D. Stewart and Miss Mamie Stewart, mother and sister of Mrs. Wadsworth, required medical attention as a result of shock from the blast, Prof. Wadsworth reported. The elderly mother has been recuperating from a heart attack and both were visiting in the Wadsworth home the nght of the explosion.

Investigating officers said the projectile of the bomb, designed to rise in the air before exploding apparently struck a tree limb and was deflected into a tree in a neighbor's yard where it showered the house with acorns and debris. The Wadsworth children were spending the night in this house and likewise were frightened by the blast, Prof. Wadsworth said.

In addition to the charges filed in City Court here, Prof. Wadsworth has turned over the casing of the bomb to the FBI for checking on possible federal law violation.

Prof. Wadsworth said one of the expelled students, Kim Venable, has twice before been suspended from school for various periods. Mr. Wadsworth also said that a brother of Richard Perry, Jr., was suspended recently.

The father of the Perry boys, Justice of the Peace Richard Perry, Jr., Tuesday swore out a warrant against Prof. Wadsworth charging the school principal had threatened to assault Bobby, younger of the two brothers.

The threat allegedly took place before one of the boys admitted taking part in the bombing and implicated the ther three.

In a hearing before Justice of the Peace Hunter Slaton, Prof. Wadsworth was under bond of $500 pending hearing on the peace warrant next Tuesday.

Alabama Crime Is On Increase

Murder And Manslaughter Are Up Slightly In Two Cities

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30. Two cities in Alabama showed slight increases in the number of murder and non-negligent manslaughter cases during the first nine months of the year, according to the FBI.

A report comparing the first nine months of the year with the same period of 1959 said Birmingham recorded one more such death as compared with last year's total. The city had 37 deaths of the type this year compared to 36 last year.

Deaths Rise

Montgomery's cases rose from six to 10 and Mobile recorded a drop from 23 to 20 during the period.

Forcible criminal assault cases in Birmingham dropped five to 14 in Mobile and remained at four in Montgomery during each of the comparable periods.

Birmingham robbery cases rose from 152 to 155, and Mobile cases went from 60 to 70. Robbery showed a decrease in Montgomery of from 40 to 36.

Aggravated assault rose sharply in Birmingham and Mobile. The steel city recording 921 this year compared to 317 last year and the port city listing 182 this year with 148 last year. However, Montgomery recorded a drop of from 76 to 33 in aggravated assault cases.

More Burglaries

All three of Alabama's largest cities reported an increase in burglary, breaking or entering. Such cases increased from 1,642 to 1,735 in Birmingham; 1,394 to 1,526 in Mobile; and 688 to 1,066 in Montgomery.

Larceny of $50 or more also showed an increase in the cities. Larceny cases in Birmingham rose from 984 to 1,226 during the year; Mobile showed a rise of from 246 to 330; and Montgomery counted 358 this year compared to 356 in 1959.

Automobile theft increased in two cities. Mobile reported 418 this year with only 332 last year and Montgomery had 153 such cases last year with 192 during the first nine months of the current year. Birmingham showed a decline of car thefts from 790 to 703.

White Men Win Probation In Mutilation Of Negro Victim

BIRMINGHAM. (ANP) —Two white men whose testimony helped convict four others in the 1957 castration of Judge Aaron, a Negro, were sentenced to five years in prison and placed on probation last week.

William J. Miller, 31, and John W. Griffin, 41, both of Birmingham, were sentenced after they entered pleas of guilty of assault with intent to murder and mayhem.

Circuit Court Judge Alta King told them they were given leniency because neither was an aggressor or principal in the crime.

Miller and Griffin, along with Joe P. Pritchett, Bart A. Floyd, Jess Mabry and Grover McCullough, were arrested and charged with the crime in Sept. 1957.

Griffin and Miller testified at trials of the other four, each of them is now serving a 20-year prison sentence.

Deputy Solicitor Cecil Deason recommended leniency for Griffin and Miller because of their testimony.

Negroes Given Hard Labor Terms For $10 Hat Theft

Two Negro men, caught in the act of looting a show case at American Hat Co., were given long hard labor sentences Monday.

Spencer Cook, 23-year-old ex-convict of 630 Anderson Ct., was sentenced to four months and Vincent Lewis Cook, 18, of 1559 Carver St., was sentenced to 60 days.

They pleaded guilty before Recorder's Court Judge D. Eugene Loe to stealing $10.33 in hats.

Police caught the pair before they could flee from the store.

In another case, Horace Brown, 137 Wilkinson St., was fined $100 and costs for assault and battery and $50 and costs for disorderly conduct. Brown pleaded innocent to the charges, which grew out of a fight outside the DAV Club.

According to testimony, Brown stabbed one man and threatened to stab a woman.

Bill Rivers, 626 S. Bainbridge St., pleaded guilty to possession of moonshine whisky and was fined $50 and costs.

Negro Beats FBI Agent

LITTLE ROCK, (AP)—A Federal Bureau of Investigation agent was beaten and robbed by a Negro Monday night, police said.

Two Little Rock policemen who chased the assailant a block and a half on foot arrested Ira C. Bell, 28, who gave his address as Pine Bluff.

The FBI agent, A. J. Micek, 47, was treated at a hospital and released. He sustained a cut lip and lost some teeth.

Police said Bell was released from state prison in March serving time on a 1947 assault conviction.

Micek told police he had left the FBI office and was about a block away when he was attacked. The FBI office, across the street from the state capitol, is near a Negro neighborhood.

Patrolmen G. A. Carraway and C. H. Calhoun Jr. saw the fight and stopped. Bell ran and the officers gave chase.

They said Bell had a pair of aluminum knuckles on his right hand and Micek's billfold in his left.

Flogging Trial To Open Today

BESSEMER (AP)—Trial is set for Tuesday for four men accused in the flogging of Barbara Espy, a 19-year-old former WAC, last April.

Miss Espy said about a dozen men abducted her from her aunt's house, accused her of dating Negroes, and beat her.

Charged with assault and battery were Charles E. Tyler, James M. Veitch, Herman McWilliams and Henry G. McDaniel, all residents of the Bessemer area.

Negro Fined For 17th, 18th, 19th Violations

A Negro man was found guilty Thursday of his 17th, 18th and 19th charge of driving without a license.

Eddie Stokes, 1507 Reuben St., was fined a total of $85 and costs in the three cases following arraignment before Recorder's Court Judge D. Eugene Loe. He was also fined $100 and costs for driving while intoxicated, $2 and no costs for failure to yield the right of way and $1 and costs for an improper muffler.

Judge Loe also noted that Stokes has been convicted four times of DWI charges since 1950.

Stokes was arrested Tuesday on a pickup order for failure to pay old traffic fines. Police said when they stopped his car at High and Union streets, he was "staggering drunk."

Rayburn Floyd Moore, 223 S. Capitol Parkway, pleaded guilty to two charges of reckless driving and was fined $50 and costs in each case. In another reckless driving case, Willie James Asberry, 623 Watts St., was fined $25 and costs.

Richard Whittington, 459 S. McDonough St., was fined $25 and costs for failure to report an accident and $10 and costs for no driver's license.

Texas Woman Beaten, Tied; Pair Arrested

By DRU McGOWEN
Advertiser Correspondent

DOTHAN—A 28-year-old Texas woman was beaten, bound and gagged by two hitchikers and left with her young daughter in a barn 20 miles east of here Monday morning.

Two Illinois teen-agers were arrested several hours later in Ozark in connection with the attack

The woman, Mrs. Olivia Berube, hailed a passing motorist on State Highway 123 after she made her way to the road from the barn near Wicksburg.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Mrs. Berube and her 3-year-old daughter Tanya were taken to Ft. Rucker Base Hospital for treatment of cuts and bruises. Both had been gagged by their assailants and the mother had cuts and bruises and a black eye. Her daughter did not appear to have been hurt.

Arrested on charge of robbery and assault with intent to murder were James Andrew Murphy, 17, and Larry Entrican, 18, both of Paris, Ill. They were picked up in Ozark after youths answering their descriptions drove off from an Elba service station without paying for four gallons of gasoline.

Mrs. Berube identified the boys as the hitchhikers to whom she had given a lift after leaving Houston, last Friday. After spending Friday and Saturday nights in abandoned houses, the four stopped Sunday night at an abandoned house near Wicksburg, the woman said.

When her companions said they needed money and had decided to rob a service station, Mrs. Berube said she objected and they beat her and the child, took her car and left her tied in the barn.

Mrs. Berube said she left her husband after becoming angry with him Friday. The local Salvation Army was trying to locate Berube Monday.

The youths were held in Houston County Jail in lieu of bond, pending the next grand jury session in January.

Jury frees Louisianian in poisoning

BY DAVE LANGFORD
News staff writer

JASPER, Ala., Oct. 13—A Louisiana truck driver was found innocent today of charges he helped Carbon Hill waitress poison to death her young son.

William Jeff Kennedy, 35, of Monroe, La., was exonerated in a verdict returned at 9:35 a.m. by a Walker County circuit court jury.

The case had gone to the jury at 7:30 last night. They deliberated three hours before taking a recess until 9 a.m. today.

"I'M JUST AS HAPPY as a young buck," Kennedy beamed minutes after the verdict was announced.

"I'm heading to Dallas, Tex., now, where I've got a good job with a trucking outfit," he said.

"Everything worked out fine for us, and I feel like justice was done."

Kennedy was accused of assisting his Alabama paramour, Mrs. Ruby Dean Holt, in the arsenic murder of 11-year-old William Eugene Holt.

THE DEFENDANT'S blond wife and his parents were in the courtroom this morning to hear the verdict.

Kennedy had admitted having sexual relations with Mrs. Holt on several occasions, but denied any connection with the murder.

Mrs. Holt, the defendant's lover, testified Kennedy planned the death plot and furnished the poison—which was slipped to her son in small dosages—to collect about $2500 in insurance money.

IN AN EARLIER trial she was sentenced to 10 years and is now serving her term in Tutwiler Prison. The boy died in December, 1958.

Kennedy, the father of three children, admitted having sexual relations with Mrs. Holt while working for a pipeline in Amory, Miss., and later at Russellville, Ala. But he denied any part in the murder.

In his final argument to the jury yesterday, Defense Atty. T. K. Selman contended Mrs. Holt is a paranoid schizophrenic trying to "get even" with Kennedy for refusing to divorce his wife to marry her.

"IF SHE'S NOT insane," Selman said, "she's the worst kind of hound of hell and a persistent liar."

Circuit Sol. Leon Beaird contended a written statement obtained from Kennedy at the time of his arrest corroborated Mrs. Holt's testimony that the murder was planned to get the money to pay for Kennedy's divorce from his wife.

Brothers faced each other on opposite sides of the three-day court room litigation.

Hugh Beaird, the solicitor's brother, assisted Selman in Kennedy's defense and presented part of the final argument to the jury.

"IT WAS THE FIRST time we've ever been on opposite side in a major criminal case," the younger Beaird said.

In his charge to the jury yesterday, Judge Roy Mayhall pointed out it's the burden of the state to prove whether any statements or confessions were rendered voluntarily.

"Also, the matter of the sanity of one of the state's witnesses (Mrs. Holt) leaves itself to your good judgement," he told the jury.

Bomb Scare Halts Dance

Police evacuated an estimated 2,000 persons from City Aiditorium Saturday at 8:50 p.m., after an anonymous caller warned that a bomb was set to explode in the auditorium.

In progress was the annual ball of El Domino, a mystic society. Police had to hustle the formally-dressed crowd through the front doors onto Perry street before conducting the search.

Lt. R. D. Moody received a call at police headquarters from a woman who told him, "You'd better clear the auditorium because a bomb was set to go off any minute."

Moody ordered police to empty the auditorium and search for the bomb but none was found.

Most of the party-goers were not particularly bothered by the interruption but some were scared and were hesitant to return to the building after police had checked it out.

Two Negroes Admit Robbing Pine Hill Bank

CAMDEN (Special) — Two Negro men have confessed to robbing the Bank of Pine Hill but police still are seeking $690 which one of the gunmen said he hid on a bus.

Arrested on robbery charges in the Tuesday holdup at the small rural community were James Glover, 28, and Clovece Jackson, 33, both of Mobile.

Glover was arrested Wednesday by FBI agents in Mobile and released under $2,000 bond. But he was re-arrested by state officers and transferred to Wilcox County Jail here. Jackson, captured shortly after the robbery, is in Grove Hill jail awaiting removal to Camden.

HID ON BUS

Both men have signed confessions, the sheriff said Thursday night.

Glover told officers he hid $690 of the holdup money on a bus which he rode from Thomasville, near Pine Hill, to Prichard on the outskirts of Mobile.

A search of the bus failed to yield the missing money, the FBI in Mobile reported. Glover said he was afraid to leave the bus with the money because several searches of the bus had been made during the trip.

FBI agents found $250 on Jackson in a second search of his clothing.

BURNED CLOTHES

Glover led officers to a spot near Mobile where he had discarded a pistol taken from the bank and a jacket. Sheriff Jenkins said Glover also had promised to show officers Friday where he had hidden two other pistols used in the holdup.

About an hour after the robbery, Jackson was captured by two Highway Patrolmen between Pine Hill and Thomasville. The man had burned part of the clothing he had worn.

Segregation Issue Seen In Vandalism

A segregation dispute was behind recent vandalism at four ice cream parlors, the operator of one of them said Friday.

Oliver Mims, who owns a Dairy Queen store at 618 S. Decatur St. and has an interest in three others, said unidentified persons have called his employes protesting the fact that Negroes and whites are served from the same window.

Mims testified concerning the vandalism in Recorder's Court Friday where his son-in-law, E. J. Fabarez, was charged with carrying a concealed pistol. Police said Mims, Fabarez and two other men were sitting in a parked car Thursday night near the Decatur street ice cream store.

WEAPONS FOUND

Police found a loaded rifle and two pistols in the car but only the pistol owned by Fabarez, an airman stationed at Maxwell, was concealed.

The men explained they were "guarding" the ice cream parlor and Judge Loe, after warning the men not to take the weapons back to the store, placed Fabarez on 30 days probation.

Mims said later he and his companions were waiting at the store in hope of identifying the vandals if they returned.

EGG SHELLS

He said that in July, vandals threw egg shells filled with paint at the Dairy Queen establishments and that in August, they tossed light bulbs filled with tar.

Mims said he had complained to police and "they said they couldn't do much about it." However, an offcer told Judge Loe that police have been making "periodic checks" of the ice cream parlors.

He said the callers, who refused to give their identity, complained that Dairy Queen firms in other cities maintained separate windows for Negroes and whites.

FIVE ARRESTED NEAR STADIUM

Cops Act to Block Violence in Montgomery

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Five white men were arrested Thanksgiving Day by officers acting on emergency duty to prevent racial violence at a Negro college football game.

Deputies under Sheriff Mac Butler identified two of the men as Sonny Kile Livingston and Henry Alexander, who were indicted in an outbreak of Negro church bombings in Montgomery in 1957. Livingston was acquitted, and Alexander was never brought to trial.

The sheriff said Livingston and an undetermined number of other white men had been chased away from a parking lot near the football stadium earlier in the day. Livingston was picked up by city police when he returned.

The names of the others arrested were D. V. Andrews, G. W. Sexton and Wilson Bragg. Alexander, Livingston and Bragg were charged with failure to obey an officer. Sexton was charged with illegally carrying a pistol, and Andrews was charged with disorderly conduct.

ORDERED CLOSED

The arrests were made near a restaurant in the vicinity of Cramton Bowl where the game between Tuskegee Institute and Alabama State College was played. The cafe, which has a liquor license, was ordered closed the rest of the day.

Sexton, Alexander and Andrews were released under $100 bond each, Livingston and Bragg under $1000 each.

Actually, no violence was reported in connection with the game, which Tuskegee won, 12-0. A few white persons congregated at the gates after the game ended, but police kept them moving and the Negro spectators left without incident.

Recent Ku Klux Klan activity and the Klan's appeal to white persons "who care for your children and their future" to turn out in mass numbers for the football game prompted the precautionary measures.

A dummy bomb—eight wooden sticks wrapped in brown paper to resemble a real explosive—was found hanging with a Klan banner on a gate at Cramton Bowl where the game was played. The display also carried a note, "This could be real Thanksgiving Day at Cramton Bowl."

Before the arrests, mounted sheriff's deputies threatened to take one man to jail. He was released on a promise to leave and not return.

NO CONGREGATING

City police in full strength, some of them leading trained dogs, kept people moving past the stadium to keep a crowd from congregating. Highway patrolmen were standing by.

Montgomery Police Commissioner L. B. Sullivan had instructed his men to arrest any troublemaker, white or Negro.

Eleven crosses were burned last Friday night and beneath each were the words "Nov. 24"—the date of the traditional game. On Saturday night, robed and hooded Klansmen, gathered at an abandoned night club on the outskirts of the city after driving through town in a 68-car motorcade.

Tuskegee Institute and Alabama State have played in Cramton Bowl annually for more than 35 years. The police commissioner tried unsuccessfully to get the public-owned stadium closed to the two schools this year.

Five Arrested In Disrupting Game In Montgomery

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—(UPI)—An impressive show of force by more than 300 law enforcement officers held a threatened racial clash down to a single minor outburst Thursday when two Negro colleges met in their annual Thanksgiving Day football game.

The threat of incident had been growing for several days after mimeographed handibills had called for 10,000 whites to gather at Cramton Bowl to disrupt the game between Tuskegee Institute and Alabama State.

But a small army of police, including 100 mounted sheriff's deputies, took early and firm command of the situation.

The only incident took place just afternoon when some 15-20 white men scuffled with city and county police about 150 yards from Cramton Bowl where the game was played The scuffle took place outside a cafe where police said the men had been drinking all morning.

Five of the men were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and failure to obey an officer. One of the men, whose name was not revealed, also was charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

Armed Negro liter breaks Colbert jail

BY NELLE BIGBEE
News correspondent

TUSCUMBIA, Ala., Nov. 3—A Negro prisoner recently sentenced to two life terms for brutal robberies escaped from the Colbert County Jail yesterday.

Jailer Paul Inman said Melvin Pruitt of Athens pulled out a .45 pistol and forced Inman to release him. No other prisoners attempted to escape.

Officials were at a loss as to how Pruitt gained possession of the weapon.

PRUITT WAS CONVICTED of slugging and robbing Leo Mitchell and Mrs. H. O. Bates in separate holdups at their small suburban grocery stores. The robber got about $200 in each attempt.

Twenty stitches were required to close a scalp wound suffered by Mrs. Bates. Officers tracked Pruitt through heavy snow and captured him in a bar nafter the Mitchell robbery last February.

Pruitt's last visitor was a Negro woman who said she was his wife. She left her purse outside the cell, according to Inman.

The jailer said Pruitt tricked him into opening the upstairs cell by asking hi mto get a garbage can. When he did, Inman said Pruitt pulled out the pistol.

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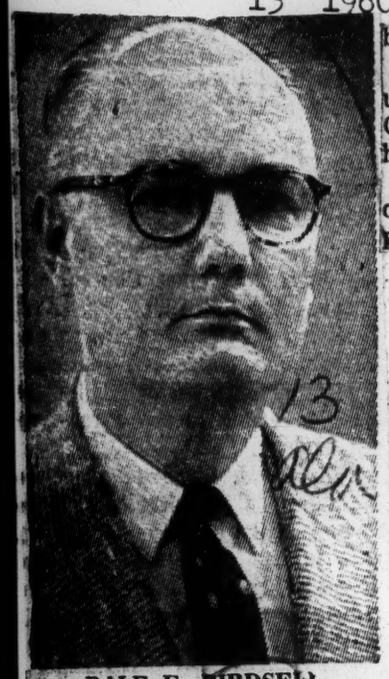

DALE E. BIRDSELL
Receives Sentence

Fast-Talking Klan Leader Meted Term

By ARTHUR OSGOODE

An Arkansas Klan leader who talked almost six hours in an attempt to convince a Circuit Court jury he passed bad checks here under "an irresistible impulse" was convicted and sentenced to 2 months in prison Friday.

The jury took less than half an hour to reach its verdict. The defendant, Dale E. Birdsell, then announced he would appeal the case and was placed under $3,000 bond by Special Judge James J. Carter.

Birdsell was being tried for passing a $47.84 check at Dixie Office Supply after depositing only $5 in the Union Bank and Trust Co. He had previously been convicted on another bad check case in Circuit Court here.

Birdsell Friday blamed "emotional breakdowns" for his predicament, along with the failure of Ku Klux Klan leaders to help him make good the checks.

NAMES LOCAL MAN

He identified a Montgomerian as the local Klan grand dragon, whom he said had promised to get him speaking engagements here that would net him contributions.

He declined to name the man until ordered to do so by Judge Carter. Birdsell then identified him as "William Hugh Morris."

He also said "one B. Cooper" of Pine Bluff, Ark., was another person he had counted on to provide him money to cover the checks.

Birdsell told of talks with Morris and with Adm. John Crommelin after his arrival here. He said he came to Montgomery to fight integration.

In his closing argument, Deputy Solicitor Robert Stewart told jurors that: "You're dealing with a real rogue and rascal."

The case, he said, was a simple one involving a false pretense that there was money in a bank to cover a check. And he attacked Birdsell's story of mental disorders.

'TAKES SHELTER'

"Of course, the man is emotional," said Stewart. "He's a misfit in life. But that's true of 99 per cent of the people out there in the penitentiary."

Birdsell, he told the jurors "takes shelter in mental troubles" when in trouble with the law.

Birdsell countered with an attack on public prosecutors.

He quoted author John Mason Brown as saying that "sarcasm, intimidation, surprise, besmirchment. . . are staples in the prosecutor's repertoire."

He protested that because state law did not allow him to have court-appointed counsel he was at a disadvantage in defending himself.

Then he referred to his own earlier testimony, which he said indicated his past "pattern of erratic and unorthodix actions."

He drew an objection from Stewart, sustained by Carter, when he charged:

"Because I happen to be a well known segregationist, he (Stewart) stands to lose the Negro bloc vote of Montgomery."

'JEW WARDEN'

Another objection by Stewart was sustained when Birdsell said Stewart "wants to send me to a state penitentiary controlled by a Jew warden."

He also said his mental state would worsen in an Alabama prison where no psychiatric care is provided.

During the trial Birdsell recounted a story of divorces, brushes with the law, and the death of a child. He also traced his mental troubles to an accident in which a companion was killed and his own skull was fractured.

He claimed to have been diagnosed as a psychopath, and said he was subject to frequent mental breakdowns. But Stewart pointed out that he was unable to produce any letters from physicians who had treated him for mental or nervous disorders.

Birdsell said he was attempting to secure testimony. Earlier he asked additional time to secure it.

ALABAMA

BY WILCOX COUNTY JURY

Negroes Indicted In Bank Robbery

CAMDEN (AP) — Two Mobile Negroes have been indicted by a Wilcox County grand jury on armed robbery charges in the $950 holdup of the Bank of Pine Hill last month.

Clovece Jackson, 33, and James Glover, 28, were arraigned Thursday before Circuit Judge L. S. Moore.

Both are already under federal bank robbery charges filed at Mobile.

Sheriff P. C. Jenkins said both have signed statements admitting the holdup. He said $250 of the money was recovered.

The little rural bank at Pine Hill, near Camden, was held up Oct. 18 by two gunmen who had smeared their faces with chimney soot in an effort to disguise themselves.

Jackson was arrested by highway patrolmen in an automobile at nearby Thomasville about an hour after the robbery. He was jailed at Grove Hill on a federal charge and held in lieu of $10,000 until his transfer to Camden.

Glover was picked up by FBI agents at his home in Mobile the following day. Officers quoted him as saying he left Jackson in Thomasville and rode a bus to Mobile.

Jenkins quoted Glover as saying he hid $690 on the bus. The bus was searched but the money has not been found.

The U.S. commissioner at Mobile first fixed bond of $3,000 for Glover and later reduced it to $2,000. The Negro posted the smaller bond and was released from jail at Mobile the day after the holdup.

WARRANT ISSUED

A state warrant charging armed robbery was issued against Glover at the request of Circuit Solicitor Blanchard McLeod the following day. Sheriff Jenkins took him into custody at Mobile and transferred him to Camden.

The FBI at Mobile said a pistol taken from a cash drawer at the bank was found alongside railroad tracks in an isolated section of north Mobile. Agents said the gun was located on directions given by Glover.

U.S. Atty. Ralph Kennamer of Mobile said the dual charge against Glover and Jackson did not constitute a case of double jeopardy. He said the bank holdup provided a basis for a federal bank robbery charge and likewise a state charge of armed robbery.

The federal charge will be presented at the next session of the federal grand jury in Mobile in January.

WOMAN ESCAPES FROM BULLETS . . . Laura Johnston points to bullet holes

Man hit in cafe—

Negroes, whites exchange gunfire

BY DICK KELSO, News staff writer

A gun battle erupted between a group of Negroes and white men, wounding at least one, early Saturday after a Negro man entered a Norwood cafe for a purchase.

Two shots were fired from a group of about 12 Negroes standing on the sidewalk in front of Mary's Place, 2300 11th-av, n. The bullets crashed through a glass door.

A customer armed with a .25-caliber automatic pistol quickly returned two shots. They struck the door near the other holes. The Negroes fled.

Wounded in the shoulder was Carter Grey, 31, a customer, of 1220 36th-av, n. He was taken to Hillman Emergency where attendants said the wound didn't appear serious.

MRS. MARY DAMICO, owner, was standing in front of the door when the shooting began. Witnesses reported that Grey was wounded and shoved her against the wall out of the line of fire.

Detective W. M. Prier said a report that a Negro may have been wounded has not been confirmed. He said the pistol used by a customer was found under a booth.

During the excitement, a man was knocked unconscious, a waitress fainted and Mrs. Damico's daughter, who rushed into the cafe from a rear apartment, suffered a lacerated leg from a broken beer bottle.

Miss Laura Johnston of 1126 24th-st, n, who was standing near the front of the cafe, was narrowly missed by a bullet fired by a Negro. The bullet struck the wall above her head, knocking plaster on her back as she fled.

WITNESSES SAID about 12 to 15 customers were in the cafe.

Miss Johnston gave this account:

A Negro man entered the cafe, walked to the counter where Mrs. Damico was standing and ordered a package of meat skins.

Mrs. Damico told the man to go outside and she would bring the package and his change to him. As the Negro walked out, Miss Johnston said, several white men started following him.

Mrs. Damico asked the customers not to go outside and they stopped and "flocked around the door," she said.

THE NEGRO LEFT and the customers sat down. Shortly he and a group of Negroes walked to the door, standing outside. Several customers went to the door, Miss Johnston said, and the Negro "began cussing and calling names and inviting them outside."

The customers began to rush outside and two shots crashed through the door, she related.

Miss Johnston added, "When the bullet hit over my head, I rushed to the back and watched from behind a booth. I saw it all. Just as soon as the Negro fired they all fled."

The waitress, Essie Mae Fox, said she could only remember the first shots, and then being awakened by someone on the floor.

The detective said the shooting will be further investigated. Assisting in the investigation were Officers C. H. Bailey and N. L. Odum.

News photo—R. E. (Buster) Hoga

NEGRO SHOWS HOW HE WAS TIED TO TREE AND FLOGGED
. . . From left: Chief Rogers, Deputy Atkisson, Henry Jones, Sheriff Brewer and Sheriff Walker

Arrest orders to be issued in flogging case

BY R. E. (BUSTER) HOGAN
News correspondent

HARPERSVILLE, Ala., Aug. 1—Officers were trying to establish today why a white mob abducted two Negro youths Saturday night and flogged one with belts and knotted ropes.

Henry Jones, 20, father of two small children, and his brother, David, 13, said two carloads of white men stopped them in Harpersville at about 8 p.m. and forced them into their car.

The elder Jones said they were taken to an abandoned farm in the Marble Valley community in Coosa County where he was stripped, tied to a tree and beaten for about 15 minutes. David was made to lie face down on the ground during the beating.

POLICE CHIEF Raymond Rogers of Harpersville said officers believe they know who at least two of the white men are and have put out a pickup order for them.

Shelby County Sheriff C. P. Walker said warrants probably will be issued for the two today after he talks with the solicitor about charge to be made against them.

Jones, a service station employe, told officers he had just returned home after work and had stopped his car in front of his house, when two cars pulled up on both sides of him.

"They grabbed me and my brother and threw us in the rear of the car," Jones said.

"They threw my brother in first and put me on top of him and tied my hands behind me.

"I started crying and they said, 'Hush boy,' and laughed and giggled as they drove off.

"They went to an abandoned house and made me get out and tied my hands around the tree. They made my brother take my pants down.

"ONE OF THE MEN said, 'Boy, you remember when those white people at the filling station went on vacation?'

"I told them I remembered making out some credit cards for some white people.

"They asked me what did those people leave the white lady there for and I told them she did not know about filling out credit cards.

"Then they knotted a rope and belt and took turns beating me. I guess it must have lasted about 15 minutes.

"When they stopped they told me to tell the white lady at the service station if she hires another Negro to take my place, we'll bring her down here to the same tree and give her the same thing they gave me.

ROGERS SAID he was notified of the incident by Henry's wife, who also gave a description of the two cars involved.

He said later one car fitting the description was stopped and two men inside were questioned.

Rogers said the two men told him they were just out "lady-ing around."

Rogers said many Negroes work in service stations in Harpersville.

"I don't think the credit card incident is the reason for the flogging," he said. "I believe it is more than that."

OFFICERS YESTERDAY examined the scene of the flogging in Coosa County and found Jones' cap and cigarets at the foot of the tree where he said the flogging occurred.

Although he was severely whipped, Jones was not seriously injured.

His employer, C. P. Miller, excused him from work yesterday.

"He certainly can continue working at the station," Miller said. "He came to the station this morning, but he wasn't feeling so good and I sent him back home."

Miller said Jones had worked for him about two years and was "always courteous."

ROGERS SAID Jones reported that the white men had at least two pistols, and that some were armed with clubs when they came to his home.

"We narrowed it down and we think we know who owns the abduction car," the chief added.

"It's just a matter of time until the suspects are rounded up," he said, "and these men know it."

Jones said after his release he was warned to leave "until we are out of sight."

The two Negroes made their way to a nearby farmhouse where they were given a lift back to Harpersville. They returned shortly before midnight, about three hours after their abduction.

Negro Flogged By White Men

Band In Alabama Abducts And Beats Youth For Unknown Reason

By United Press International

HARPERSVILLE, Ala., July 31.—A perplexed young Negro who, though he didn't have an enemy in the world, prepared Sunday to move North following his abduction and painful flogging by a band of white men.

Henry Lewis Jones, 20, and his 13-year-old brother, David, were pushed into a car late Saturday night as they walked into the yard of their home from a service station where Henry worked.

The abductors stripped Henry down to his underwear shorts, tied him to a tree and beat him with belts and knotted lengths of rope. They cut him down and left with a warning to give them time to make their getaway.

No Reason

Those were the first words uttered by a band of about six young white men. Jones said they gave him absolutely no reason for the attack but he surmised they had become angered when he, a Negro, filled out their credit card form for gasoline.

Clarence Kelley, in charge of the FBI office at Birmingham, said that apparently no Federal violation was involved and that the case definitely did not fall within the Lindbergh Kidnap Law. He noted also that masks were worn.

Employer Angry

Jones' employer, C. B. Miller, was burning mad over the attack. He said he will do everything he can to bring about arrests and prosecution for the beating.

Mr. Miller said Jones was one of the best employes he has ever had and he hopes he will remain with him. But the Negro turned him down.

Jones said he had seen at least one of the attackers earlier Saturday when he came to the station for gas.

All Took Part

The Negro said he and his brother were walking into the yard of their home with arms loaded with groceries when a car drove up and the white men piled out and dragged them into the back seat.

He said they were driven about 25 miles across the line into Talladega County. The car turned off the main road and stopped near a house. They were ordered out and the flogging began.

Jones said each of the men—he thought there were six—took part in the flogging.

"Sometimes one would hit me and sometimes two of them at once," Jones said.

During the ordeal, young David was forced to lie down on the floor of the car. He was not harmed.

Police Seek 6 Whites

2 Ala. Negroes Kidnaped

HARPERSVILLE, Ala. (AP)—Six white men kidnaped two Negro brothers and flogged one of them Saturday night. Police chief Raymond Rogers said Sunday there is more to the crime than meets the eye.

The victims quoted their abductors as saying they didn't want Negroes working in service stations in the area. The man who was whipped, Henry Jones, 20, father of two, worked at a Harpersville service station.

The police chief discounted that motive.

"Negroes have worked in service stations for years around Harpersville," he said. "That's not the issue. There's some other reason." He would not elaborate.

Rogers said law officers have the names of the two men believed involved in the abduction.

"They didn't come home last night and I guess they know we are after them, but it's just a matter of time," the chief said.

Rogers said Jones and his brother, David, 13, were taken from their home at gunpoint by white men in two cars. They were driven about 23 miles to an abandoned farmhouse.

The older brother was stripped to his underwear and tied to a tree where he was beaten with belts and knotted ropes, the officer said. His younger brother was not harmed.

Jones said he was warned that if his employer, C. B. Miller "hired another Negro, we're going to do worse to him."

The police chief said the men also threatened Mrs. Miller.

"We'll tie her to the same tree and beat her if they hire another Negro," the men were quoted as saying.

Jones, although severely whipped, was not seriously injured.

Jones' employer, Miller, said the Negro had worked at the service station for about two years and was one of the best employes he had ever had.

He said he didn't know of any reason why the white men would take Jones off and whip him.

"I understand they made a threatening remark about me to Henry, but that's all I know about," he said.

"They certainly had no cause to do this," Miller said. "Henry is one of the best workers I've ever seen."

Miller gave Jones the day off but said "he certainly can continue working at the station if he wants to. He came up to the station this morning but he wasn't feeling so good and I sent him back home."

Harpersville, a small rural community, is about 30 miles south of Birmingham, and is on the edge of the "black belt" of Alabama, where Negroes greatly outnumber whites.

6 Whites Beat Negro for Selling Gas

HARPERSVILLE, Ala., July 31 (AP)—Police said six white men kidnaped two young Negro brothers last night and flogged one of them because they said they didn't want Negroes working in service stations in the area.

"We think we know who two of them were," said Raymond Rogers, chief of police.

Rogers said the white men, riding in two cars, abducted the Negroes as they left a service station.

He said they took them 12 miles outside town and stripped Henry Jones, 19, to his underwear, tied him to a tree and beat him with a belt. He was not hurt seriously, the chief said, but he had welts on his legs.

The white men also took Henry's brother David, 13, but did not beat him, Rogers said.

He quoted the youths as saying the white men told them:

"We are not going to have any Negroes working at the service stations in Harpersville."

The older boy has been employed at a gasoline station here about two years. C. B. Miller, owner of the station, said, "They certainly had no cause to do this. Henry is one of the best workers I've ever seen."

Harpersville, a small rural community, is about 30 miles south of Birmingham.

ARRESTS IMMINENT

Suspects Picked Out In Negro Flogging

HARPERSVILLE, Ala. (UPI)—Police said today they are "pretty positive" about the identity of six white men who flogged a young Negro and expect arrests "at any time."

"It's just a matter of time," said Police Chief Raymond H. Rogers. "We just haven't been able to find them yet. Apparently they've gone into hiding."

The men abducted and flogged Henry Lewis Jones, 19, Saturday night. Jones, father of two small children, was not badly hurt, but his spirit was crushed.

"It just doesn't make sense," he said. "I thought all the people around here were my friends."

He was picked up by the men after leaving work at a service station.

ASK FOR CREDIT CARD

Six white men drove into the station Saturday night and asked for a gasoline credit card. The white man left in charge of the station by the vacationing owners was not versed in the procedure for filling out credit applications. He referred the matter to Jones who had handled many such forms during his two and a half years at the station.

The men apparently became angered at having to apply for credit through a Negro. But they left without incident.

When Henry and his brother, David, 13, later walked into the yard of their home, they were dragged into a car by the same white men. David was thrown on the rear floorboard of the car and Henry tossed on top of him. The men held them there with their feet.

TIED TO TREE

The men drove several miles to a wooded area. Henry was stripped to his shorts and tied to a tree. The men flayed him repeatedly with belts and knotted lengths of rope.

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After the beating, Henry was freed by the men who warned him to give them time to make a getaway. The two Negro youths walked about a quarter of a mile to a house where a farmer drove them to a police station.

Jones was not seriously injured.

C. B. Miller, owner of the service station, said he hopes Jones will remain at the station.

But the disillusioned Negro youth had had enough.

"I don't think I will work in the gas station anymore," he said. "I guess I will go live with my brother, who is un North."

Negro Suspect Held In 24 Area Holdups

A Negro man suspected of committing 24 holdups in the Montgomery-Selma area in the past three years has been arrested.

The man was identified as 38-year-old Charlie Stewart of Hayneville. Stewart, apprehended in Selma Saturday, was carried to Montgomery Tuesday morning. Montgomery robbery victims identified him as the man involved in nine armed robberies here.

Detective Jack Shows said that Stewart had been operating in the Montgomery area until several months ago. He moved his base of operations to Selma after two Montgomery detectives apprehended him here in connection with a series of armed robberies.

MORE WITNESSES

At the time that Stewart was taken into custody by local authorities merchants who had been robbed were not able to identify him.

However, Tuesday morning additional witnesses were brought in and Stewart was identified as the robber, police said.

Stewart had six warrants signed against him Tuesday in Montgomery. He has been charged with eight counts of armed robbery.

Stewart will face a preliminary hearing in Selma Wednesday. He is charged with six counts of armed robbery in that city.

When legal proceedings have been completed in Selma, Stewart will be charged in Montgomery, police said.

So far Stewart has been picked out of a lineup by victims and witnesses as the man who robbed the Jet Drive-In on the Mobile highway four times, the Dolly Madison Co., on Fairview avenue twice, the Parker Sno-White Laundry on Bell street twice and the B&B Grocery on Bell street once.

Total take of the robberies, according to Shows, would run into several thousand dollars. The largest single robbery amounted to $500.

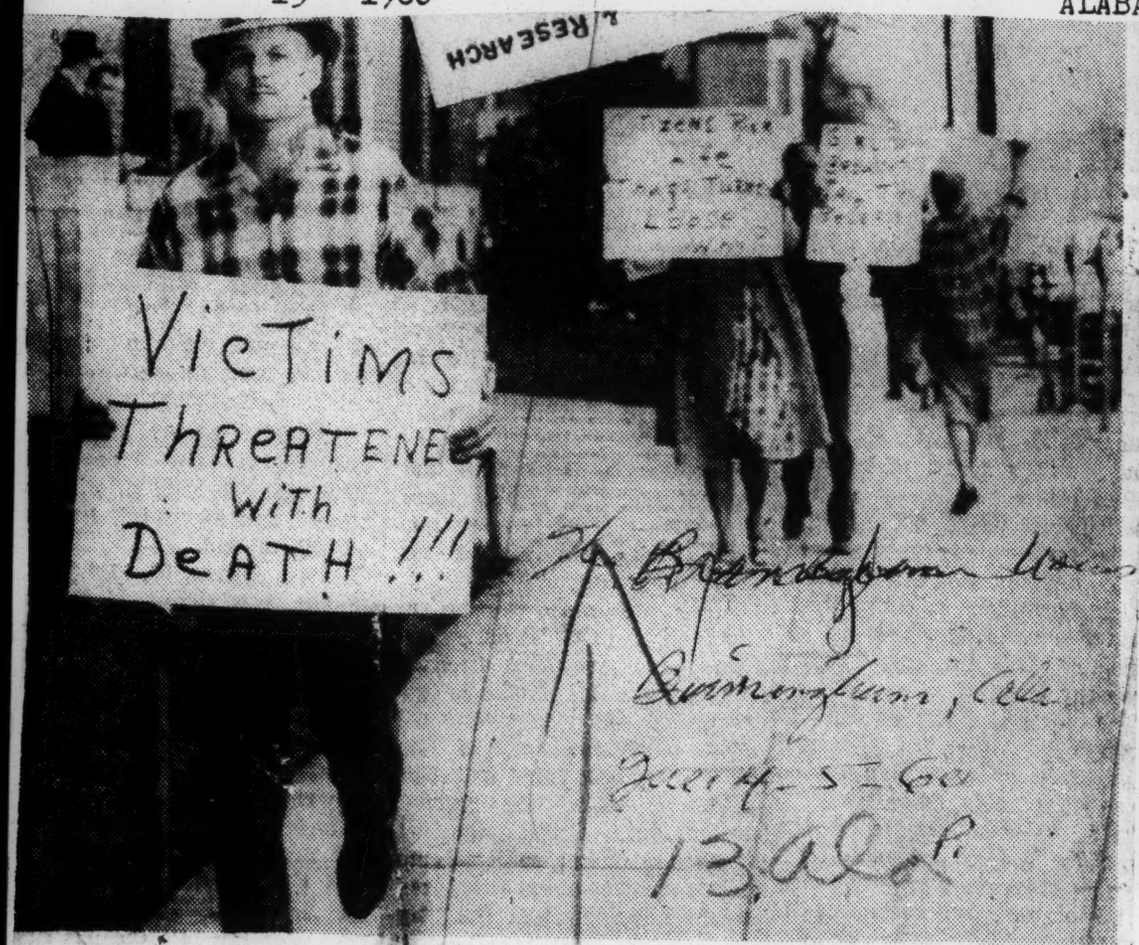
Stewart was returned to authorities in Selma Tuesday afternoon.

SPECIAL DEPUTY

Shows credited a special deputy sheriff, Walter Newsome of Selma, with breaking the case.

Newsome was hired by Selma merchants to catch the robber. On routine patrol last Friday night, Newsome spotted a Negro hiding in the woods near a drive-in theater outside of Selma. He fired one shot but the Negro escaped.

The next day Newsome was patrolling the same area and spotted the Negro walking down the highway about 15 miles from Selma. The special deputy apprehended Stewart who was carrying a gun and a change of clothes with him.



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PICKETS STAGE PROTEST MARCH IN FRONT OF BESSEMER COURTHOUSE
. . . Carried signs asking "action and protection" in Alliance

As pickets demand action—
Flogged girl says law officer one of her abductors

BY PAUL HOGAN, News staff writer

BESSEMER, Ala., April 5—Former WAC Barbara Espy today said a Bessemer law enforement official was one of the men who beat her Friday night.

Meanwhile, a group of her neighbors in the Alliance community picketed the Bessemer Courthouse carrying signs asking "action and protection."

The 19-year-old girl claimed that two car-loads of men took her from her home about midnight Friday at gunpoint and beat her until she signed a "confession" she had been dating Negroes.

The law enforcement official whom the girl claims was one of her attackers said he was "home in bed" when the reported attack occurred.

THE GIRL HAS REFUSED to swear out warrants, saying she felt it was "not her place" to do so.

Chief Deputy Clyde Morris said "there will be no arrests without warrants."

However, he said the case would be presented to the next Cutoff Grand Jury, which is scheduled for May.

MORRIS SAID HE and the law enforcement official identified by the girl went to her home yesterday to see if she wanted to swear out a warrant, and she did not name the lawman as one of her beaters.

But the girl and her mother, Mrs. Lorraine Espy, today said the girl told Morris the law enforcement official was among those who beat her.

The girl said she received a phone call over the week-end threatening her life if she further pursued the case. She said her brother's car was wrecked as he left their home several hours after the phone call.

THE BRIEF PICKETING, involving the victim and 12 others, lasted about 10 minutes. The people carried signs saying "Alliance Begs for Protection," "Alliance Demands Action," "Victim Threatened with Death," and "Citizens Risk Life, Thugs Turned Loose."

BARBARA ESPY, LEFT, TALKS TO REPORTER DURING PICKETING
. . . She accompanied Alliance neighbors to the courthouse

The victim carried a sign saying "Kidnapers Turned Loose—Why?"

Nick Brittingham, a neighbor who was deputized to help hunt the night riders, said a car with four men was stopped after the kidnaping was reported to deputies living in the Alliance community.

He said the girl was in the car handcuffed and at gunpoint.

Bessemer Girl Reports Beating By 4 White Men

(BESSEMER (AP)—A 19-year-old white girl reported to officers here that she was taken from her house by a group of white men who accused her of dating Negro men and beat her with belts.

Barbara Espy said the men stripped off her clothing before beating her.

She denied the accusation.

Officers said a car carrying the girl and four white men was stopped by deputies, the men were questioned and later released. No charges have been filed.

Walter Dean, a Jefferson County investigator, said "We're still investigating the case. We don't plan to make any arrests until warrants are issued."

Miss Espy, who said she is a former WAC, said she was blindfolded and taken from her house in handcuffs about midnight Friday.

Gang stripped, beat her, says former WAC

BY DAVE LANGFORD
News staff writer

BESSEMER, Ala., April 2—"About five of them came in the house carrying guns and started slapping me around. The they drug me outside and beat me some more."

This was part of the story told by a 19-year-old former WAC, who reported she was taken from her home about midnight Friday by a group of white men.

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Lives with aunt

MISS ESPY, WHO IS living with her hunt in Alliance community, said a group of armed men entered the house and carried her off blindfolded and in handcuffs.

They held me down on the floorboard with a gun in my back," she said.

"I guess I must have been in the car nearly two hours.

"Then they stopped and carried me behind the car. One ripped my shirt down the back while another pulled down my blue jeans. That's when they used the belt."

Officers of the sheriff's office stopped the car carrying Barbara, a 1959 white Buick, on the Alliance-Maxine road about a mile north of Alliance.

Pointed guns

NICK BRITTINGHAM, one of Miss Espy's neighbors who was deputized for the search, said two of the men pointed guns at him when the car was stopped.

Special Investigator Walter Dean said the four men in the car were taken into custody, but later released. No arrests had been made late Saturday.

"We're still investigating the case," Dean said. "We don't plan to make any arrests until warrants are issued."

Barbara said two cars, a green Buick and a white Buick carrying about six men each, stopped in front of her house and five men came inside carrying shotguns and chains.

Asked for sister

"THEY ASKED ME where my sister Doris Ann was, but I told them she wasn't home," Barbara said. "But they said 'We want you too,' and started slapping me."

Mrs. Betty Bogue, an aunt who was also home, said one of the men pointed a shotgun at her and said he would kill her if she tried to stop them.

"They shined a flashlight in the room where Doris Ann was sleeping," Mrs. Bogue said, but she wouldn't answer them when they asked her what her name was, and thew went away and left her alone."

"When they got me in the car they kept on asking me if I had been going out with any Negroes," Barbara said.

"I told them I hadn't, but they hit me some more and made me sign a paper saying I had."

Had handcuffs

BRITTINGHAM said he was deputized to search for Barbara's abductors, along with Deputies Jay Payne and Andy Vines, who live near Alliance.

Brittingham said the men who had Barbara in the car were armed with pistols and had three sets of handcuffs.

He said the car had a Jefferson County tag.

Chief Deputy Clyde Morris said the four men questioned live in the Bessemer area.

Deputies join

MANNING the night prowl car which joined in the search were Deputies A. B. Bailey and W. L. Allen.

"We had stationed one car at a place in the road we knew they had to pass," Brittingham said. "Another car got behind them and they were trapped."

"At first they put guns on us but when they saw the sheriff's deputies they dropped them."

Brittingham said he and several other neighbors were alerted to look for the girl by the girl's brother.

Saturday Barbara had several bruises about the face, but said she had not been treated by a doctor.

Negro Bound To Jury On 4 HoldupCounts

SELMA (Special) — A Hayneville Negro Thursday was bound over to the Dallas County Grand Jury on charges of robbing four Selma businesses.

Charlie Stewart, 38, was ordered held without bond following a preliminary hearing in the Dallas County Court. He was formally charged with four counts of armed robbery.

The Negro also faces two additional robbery counts in Dallas and eight in Montgomery for holdups there.

During Thursday's hearing, four holdup victims identified Stewart as the bandit who robbed them at gunpoint. Another victim said he did not get a close look at the robber and could not make a positive identification.

Two of the witnesses told of Stewart threatening their lives during the robberies.

'Respected' Negro Beaten For Kindness

HARPERSVILLE, Ala. — (UPI) — Hard work and courtesy earned for Henry Lewis Jones a degree of respect unique for young Negroes in this middle Alabama farm town.

The 19-year-old father of two small children had a ready smile and polite service for all customers, both Negro and white, who entered the combination grocery-service station where he worked.

"I treat people just like I want to be treated myself," he said.

His easy way was contagious. "He is liked by the whole town," said Police Chief Raymonod H. Rogers.

But Jones' eagerness to oblige led to his abduction and flogging Saturday night by a group of white men and left him a young man broken in spirit.

"It just doesn't make sense," he said. "I thought all the people around here were my friends."

Rogers said he doesn't believe the abdu -- are local men. He said he has "pretty positive" identification of them and "it's just a m..tter of time before arrests are made."

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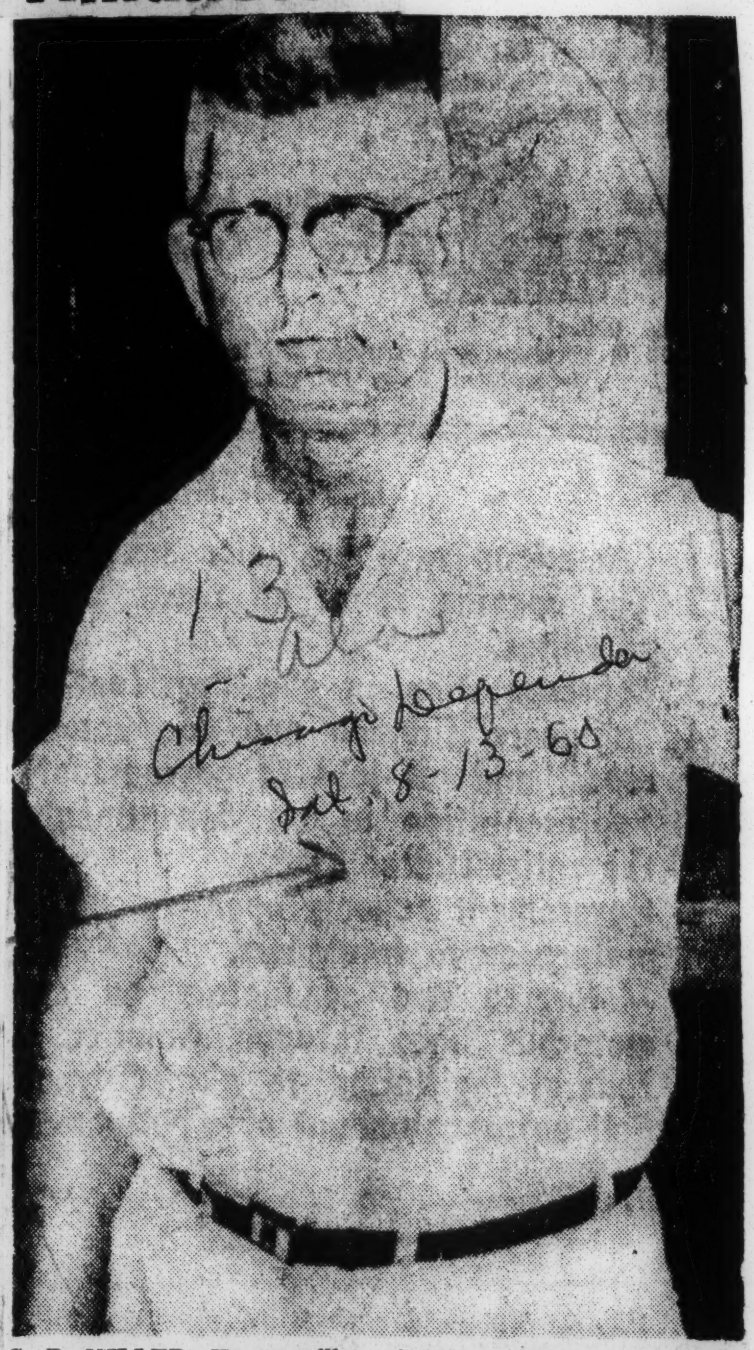

C. B. MILLER, Harpersville, Ala., service station operator, above, is angry over flogging of his Negro employee, Henry Jones, by six white men for no apparent reason. He vows to seek arrest and conviction of men who beat Jones. (UPI Telephoto)

ORGANIZED PROSTITUTION

8 Bellboys Involved In Bribery Charges

Eight Negro bellboys were bound over to the Circuit Court grand jury on bribery charges Wednesday during hearings involving organized prostitution at two Montgomery hotels.

In addition, two of the bellboys were fined $100 and costs by Recorder's Court Judge D. Eugene Loe on charges of procuring and two Mobile women were fined $100 and costs for vagrancy.

All of the arrests were made last week in raids on the Greystone and Exchange hotels. The raids culminated weeks of investigation by the vice squad of the Police Department's detective division.

During the investigation, "protection money" was given or offered to vice squad officers A. E. Bland and W. C. Evans, who pretended to be working along with the bellboys.

Police and Fire Commissioner L. B. Sullivan commented following the hearings Wednesday that the two officers "did an excellent job" in breaking up the prostitution ring.

He also praised the work of Detective Chief J. B. Rucker, Sgts. W. T. Sheriff and L. I. McCartha and officers D. H. Johnson, W. H. Simpler and Bill Alonzo, who participated in the raids and helped obtain incriminating statements from the suspects.

Bound over under $300 bond each on the bribery charges were Conlee Franklin Jr., 410 Flood St.; Theodore Tennile, 219 Monroe St.; Monroe Williams, 1250 Cleveland Ave.; Frank Cooley, 1034 Watts St.; Thomas A. Gardner, 2328 Floyd St.; Henry Warren Kelly Jr., 3138 Regent Cr.; Milton Lindsey, 717 Chilton St.; and Robert Bryant, 1108 Lake St.

All are bellboys at the Greystone Hotel except Bryant, who is a bellboy at the Exchange Hotel.

A bribery charge against a ninth bellboy, James Farris, no address listed, was nol prossed for lack of evidence.

The fines for procuring were levied against Franklin and Williams.

Under an anti-vice ordinance passed by the city recently at the request of Sullivan, hotels and other public lodging places may not employ persons with previous convictions for "aiding or abetting" in prostitution activities.

Bryant is also charged with procuring. His case is scheduled for hearing next Wednesday.

The $100 vagrancy fines were imposed on Joan Lott and Bernice Chaudro, both of Mobile. They were caught in hotel rooms with men during the raids.

Betty Jean Hodges of Montgomery who was fined $100 and costs for vagrancy last week, testified in the procuring case against Franklin. She said he assigned her to a man's room and that Franklin received $10 from the man.

Bland said the vice investigation began Dec. 14 when Franklin called him at his home and "asked me if I was in the vice squad." During the conversation, Bland said, Franklin said he wanted to talk with him and Evans and arrangements were made for a meeting.

Bland said he reported the incident to Herman Pitts, executive assistant to Sullivan, and then he and Evans met Franklin in an alley to the night of Dec. 16.

Franklin asked if they would "work" with him, Bland said and he quoted the Negro as saying he had "worked with other police officers of the city before."

Bland said Franklin stated he had been giving the other officers money "around the 5th and 20th of each month," these dates falling in between the time city employes are paid.

On Dec. 20, Bland said, he and Evans held another meeting on a dirt road at the H&R Point with Franklin, Gardner and Kelly. The bellboys described their part in prostitution activities, he said, and stated that they could obtain women from Mississippi, Louisiana and Georgia.

The bellboys agreed to pay them "$2 or $3 apiece" twice a month, the officer testified.

The first payment of $24 was made in a meeeting on Alsop street, Bland said. The money represented contribution of $3 apiece from the bellboys at the Greystone.

Bryant made contact with him regarding a similar arrangement at the Exchange Hotel, Bland said, and an arrangement was made on Jan. 5 for a payoff on the following day.

But the hotels were raided that night, he said, and the bribe money was never actually delivered.

Bland said that he and Evans gave full reports of the negotiations with the bellboys to superior officers all during the investigation and acted on instructions.

Negro enters three homes in Mobile

MOBILE, Ala., Sept. 14 (AP)—A Negro broke into three homes in a Northwest Mobile neighborhood early today and molested white women in two of them. Police said the break-ins occurred within one hour.

One of the women said the man scratched her throat as she fought him off. He fled when she screamed.

Officers said the assailant answered the description of a young Negro who broke into a secluded cottage, in the same general area the night of Aug. 13. He attempted to rape a white woman in that incident.

An intensive search was in progress today in a swampy area north of Mobile. Bloodhounds were brought from Atmore State Prison Farm.

Bellhops Name Four Officers As Having Taken Vice Bribes

Four police officers were named in statements by Negro bellhops as having accepted vice payoffs, Police Chief G. J. Ruppenthal said Thursday.

Earlier, there was a report that as many as eight officers were being investigated in connection with the alleged payoffs.

Two of the officers who were identified in court hearings, Dets. G. L. Arnette and E. L. Wright, were called into conference with the chief Thursday morning. Ruppenthal said they were questioned about the allegations.

Both Arnette and Wright declared that the Negro's statement they accepted payoffs of $6 each last Easter was untrue and said the investigation "will prove it to be untrue."

Ruppenthal also conferred with two other detectives Thursday but he declined to say if they were the ones named in the written statements.

The charges that officers have accepted vice bribes were brought out Wednesday during Recorder's Court hearings concerning prostitution activities in local hotels.

Sullivan said an investigation of the charges is under way and that he has conferred with the circuit solicitor's office on the matter.

Boy Sentenced To Five Years

A 16-year-old Negro boy was sentenced to five years imprisonment here this week after pleading guilty to holding-up a 14-year-old "popsicle" boy.

Roger Jerome Grace entered the guilty plea before Judge Wallace Gibson but applied for probation.

His probation hearing has been set for Nov. 11.

Eddie Lee Johnson claimed that Grace and another Negro youth stopped him and the other boy held a knife on him. He turned over his day's "take" of approximately $8, he said.

Probe Of Vice 'Payoffs' Closed, Sullivan Says

Police Commissioner L. B. Sullivan Friday said no further action will be taken in connection with allegations that four city detectives accepted vice bribes.

"Insofar as this matter is concerned, the case is closed," the commissioner said.

He said his office had made a "thorough and intensive investigation of the charges and it is my considered opinion, after having discussed the matter with the circuit solicitor's office, that there is insufficient evidence to warrant further action."

The allegations of vice payoffs were made by Negro bellboys who were rounded up earlier this month in raids against prostitution in hotels.

Sullivan said "it has not in the past, nor will it be in the future, my intention to cause any embarrassment to any member of the Police Department or any other municipal agency."

But he said that when any complaint or charge is made against any member of the Department of Public Affairs, "I feel that is is my duty as commissioner to investigate such charges or complaints in all fairness to the individuals affected as well as the department involved and as an official responsibility to the public."

Earlier, Circuit Solicitor William F. Thetford ruled that there was not enough evidence of vice payoffs to justify giving the case to the grand jury. The City-County Personnel Board also declined to initiate any action in the matter.

Emasculation Case Denied New Hearing

The State Supreme Court today refused to review an appeal by a Birmingham white man convicted in the emasculation of a Negro three years ago.

Joe P. Pritchett was one of four white men sentenced to 20 years in prison for the beating and mutilating of 37-year-old Judge Edward Aaron of Birmingham Sept. 2, 1957.

The Supreme Court refused to review the action by the court of appeals which previously had affirmed Pritchett's conviction.

Today's ruling came on a technicality. The court said the appeal wasn't filed within 15 days as required in cases brought up from the appellate court.

Pritchett and three other men, all identified as members of the Ku Klux Klan, were convicted in the mutilation and all were given the maximum 20 year terms for the crime. Two other defendants trials have never been tried.

Witnesses said Pritchett led in the emasculation of Aaron as a test of fitness to see whether one of the other white men were eligible for promotion to captain in the knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Pritchett contended he was denied due process of law because the court reporter lost the shorthand notes of testimony by two witnesses during the trial.

His attorneys contended the loss of this testimony kept out of the record evidence essential to the appeal.

The Court of Appeals overruled this contention, pointing out that what the two witnesses had testified.

Court Strikes Down Robbery Conviction Of Colbert Negro

Jurists Say Confessions Involuntary

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court told the states Monday it will not permit criminal convictions to stand if they result from confessions that the court concludes are involuntary.

By a 9-0 vote, the court struck down the 1948 robbery conviction in Colbert County, Ala., of Jesse Blackburn. Blackburn, a Negro, 24 at the time, received a 20-year sentence for the robbery of the operator of a truck-mounted store on a lonely road.

Chief Justice Earl Warren, who spoke for the court, agreed with Blackburn's contention that a confession introduced in evidence against him had not been made voluntarily.

NO RECOLLECTION

Blackburn, who had a long history of mental illness, said he had no recollection of making the confession. Warren said Blackburn was questioned for eight or nine hours, and that most of the interrogation took place in closely confined quarters with as many as three officers being present at one time.

"We are unable to escape the conclusion that Blackburn's confession can be characterized only as involuntary," Warren wrote. "Consequently the conviction must be set aside.

Should Alabama bring Blackburn to trial again, it could not use his alleged confession against him.

OTHER ACTION

In other actions, the court:

1. Again denied a hearing to Caryl Chessman, Los Angeles sex bandit scheduled to die Feb. 19 in the gas chamber of San Quentin Prison.

The court, last Dec. 14, rejected a lengthy appeal filed on behalf of Chessman. Its action Monday refused to reconsider this.

Chessman has staved off execution for 11½ years through a series of appeals in state and federal courts.

RELEASE SOUGHT

A. L. Wirin, attorney for Chessman, said the next move will be to press for a ruling in U.S. District court at San Francisco, seeking a release from custody on grounds Chessman is being illegally detained "because of the inadequacy of the record of the trial."

Rejected an appeal by John Kasper from his conviction in Davidson County, Tenn., on a charge of inciting a riot.

Kasper was sentenced to six months and fined $500. The charge was based on speeches he made in Nashville in the fall of 1957, attacking racial integration in public schools.

son County Circuit Court and sentenced to 20 years in prison each for the attack on Judge Edward Aaron.

The Supreme Court also today overturned a Montgomery Equity Court ruling that the state's carbonic gas tax was unconstitutional.

L. W. WATSON, soft drink bottler at Troy, had attacked the constitutionality of the tax on grounds it discriminated against bottlers, while allowing retail users of the gas to escape taxation.

The Supreme Court, in overturning the Montgomery court decision, said the tax was not discriminatory.

Court refuses to review Klan mutilation case

BY TRUDY CARGILE
News staff writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 22—The Alabama Supreme Court yesterday refused to review a lower court ruling upholding the conviction of a Birmingham Ku Klux Klan leader in the castration of a Negro handyman.

Joe P. Pritchett had asked the high court to review a decision by the Court of Appeals which had affirmed his 20-year sentence.

Pritchett was one of four Klansmen convicted in Jeffer-

Lottery Charges Bring Fine To Tuskegee Businessman

TUSKEGEE (Special) — A prominent Tuskegee businessman Monday pleaded guilty to a lottery operation charge and was fined $500, maximum penalty for the offense.

The fine was imposed on Robert Howard, 33, dry cleaning plant owner-operator, by Macon County Inferior Court Judge W. C. Hare.

Howard entered a plea of guilty to a charge of "setting up or carrying on a lottery." He was one of eight persons arrested on lottery operation charges growing out of a Nov. 25 raid on a Tuskegee house.

Howard, a candidate for probate judge four years ago, was given the maximum penalty provided by law for the offense to which he pleaded guilty, Judge Hare said.

Two Negroes who entered innocence pleas to similar charges were convicted.

Robert Parker, 34, was fined $500 and sentenced to six months imprisonment for possession of lottery paraphernalia. Hovey L. Joseph, 24, was fined $500 for carrying on a lottery operation. Parker was arrested the night of the raid; he faces trial in circuit court on charges of distilling illegal liquor and possession of narcotics. Joseph was arrested later.

Trial of four other persons charged in connection with the alleged lottery ring will be held March 7 at the next regular session of the court, Judge Hare said.

Negro Jailed In Beating Of Alabaster Policeman

Special to The Post-Herald

ALABASTER, Jan. 18—Brown Buse, Alabaster night policeman, is recovering in Shelby Memorial Hospital after he was beaten and stomped by a Negro he was trying to arrest.

The 57-year-old Buse was reported to have received a concussion, but no bones were broken. He was beaten and kicked in the face, head and chest, said Bull Carter, chief of police.

Robert Lee Mackey, 20, was taken to the county jail at Columbiana and charged with assault with intent to murder and carrying a concealed weapon. Charlie Hale, also an Alabaster Negro, was jailed on a charge of harboring a fugitive.

The incident occurred early Sunday morning at the home of Buddy Neely in Alabaster's Negro section. Carter said Buse answered a call to the house where Mackey was causing a ruckus. The Negro turned on the officer and Buse drew his tear gas pistol but it misfired. Buse hit the Negro three times with his blackjack but couldn't stop him.

Buse was thrown down, kicked and beaten, Carter said. He tried to draw his pistol, but yanked the gun and holster off his belt, and threw it aside to keep Mackey from getting it.

Mackey left the scene and was located at Hale's house several hours later, Carter said. He still was carrying Buse's tear gas gun. Carter and Sheriff Red Walker caught Mackey.

The Negro recently had returned here after working in Fayette.

Attempted Bribe Of Officer Nets Negro $200 Fine, Term

A Negro who offered an officer $200 not to arrest him on a whisky charge was sentenced to three months of hard labor Friday for attempted bribery.

Judge D. Eugene Loe imposed the sentence on Frank Stokes, 1750 N. Decatur St., who offered the bribe money to officer A. E. Bland, who said he found Stokes in possession of five gallons of moonshine.

Stokes was also fined $100 and costs on the whisky count.

In another bribery attempt case in Recorder's Court, Rufus Orum, 1505 Rubin St., was fined $100 and costs for offering money to police to have a traffic ticket fixed.

FOUR FINED

Four other persons were found guilty of having moonshine. Willie Hall, Hunter Station, was fined $100 and costs, James Baldwin, 2115 W. Fifth St., was fined $75 and costs and Lee Frank Ellis, 927 Clayton Alley, and Alene W. Jackson, 1610 Aaron St., were each fined $50 and costs.

In assault and battery cases, Felix Webb, 939 Adams St., was fined $50 and costs and Willie Pearl Ross, 1625 N. Decatur St., Clement Oliver, 2366 Juliette St., and Ulysses Johnson, 1647 Moses St., were each fined $25 and costs.

A Mulberry man was fined $25 and costs for disorderly conduct. $5 and costs for refusing to obey an officer and $5 and costs for running a red light. The defendant, T. D. Lammon, allegedly cursed out officers who told him to move on when he double parked his car on Commerce street.

Fined $25 and costs each for having concealed weapons were Minnie Lee Smith, 760 Travis St., and Ben Williams, 1602 Foster St.

Charles Collins was sentenced to 30 days for vagrancy.

Two Negroes Given Terms In Shoplifting

Two Negro women of Tallassee received long hard-labor sentences here Wednesday after they pleaded guilty to shoplifting charges.

Emma Rene Williams, charged with three larceny counts, was sentenced to a total of 90 days and Stella Mitchell, charged with two counts, was given 60 days.

Traveling together, the two women each stole articles from H. L. Green's and J. J. Newberry's deaprtment stores. In addition, the Williams woman took clothing from the James Store.

Also convicted of larceny during hearings in Recorder's Court was Joseph A. Sears, Negro, address not listed. Accused of stealing three automobile radiators from 346 Wayne St., he was sentenced to 10 days and fined $100 and costs by Judge D. Eugene Loe.

Others fined $100 and costs were John Trimble, 818 Mason St., charged with assault and battery, and Walter Watkins, 805 S. Decatur St., charged with using a car without the consent of the owner.

James Cantledge, 2223 Flourney St., was fined $25 and costs each of charges of assault and battery and failure to register as an ex-convict and $5 and costs for failure to obey an officer.

Fines of $50 and costs each were levied against Aubrey L. Davis, 204½ College St., formerly of Huntsville, convicted of violating the bad check law, and Woodrow Caldwell, 622 N. Bainbridge St.

Donald Williams, 601 S. Lawrence St., was fined $25 and costs for disorderly conduct and $5 and costs on a drunk charge.

Negroes Jailed In Bank Holdup

MOBILE — A second man was arrested early today on a charge of robbing the Bank of Pine Hill of $950 Tuesday.

Richard G. Held, agent in charge of the Mobile FBI office, said James Glover, 26-year-old Mobile Negro, was picked up at his home by agents.

Clovece Jackson, 32, also a Mobile Negro, was arrested by highway patrolman near Thomasville about an hour after the holdup. No money was recovered.

Jackson and Glover were neighbors and both are employed at Brookley Air Force Base here. A Brookley spokesman said both were listed as on sick leave Tuesday.

Charges of bank robbery were filed Tuesday night against both men.

The gunmen who had held up the little rural bank were described by Bank President Fred Vaughn as amateurish. Vaughn said they took money from only one cash drawer which he added was "not anywhere near all the money in the bank."

Sheriff P. C. Jenkins quoted Jackson as saying Glover jumped from the car at Thomasville and fled with the money and firearms.

Jackson told officers the two stopped in a south Alabama woods and burned their coats and hats. The fire apparently set off a small woods fire. Forest rangers checking the blaze found some smouldering garments. They notified authorities while Jackson was leading officers to the scene.

The sheriff quoted Jackson as saying he went to Kimbrough, Ala. a small community near here, to ask a relative for a loan. Unable to locate the relative, he said, Jackson told him they decided on the bank holdup.

At Mobile Home—

Robbery Suspect Is Captured

BRHAM, Ala.

MOBILE, Oct. 19 (AP)—A second Negro was arrested today on a bank robbery charge. James Glover, 26, of Mobile later was released under $2000 bond. The FBI said a part of the loot was recovered.

The other man charged in the $950 robbery of the little bank of Pine Hill, Clovece Jackson, 32, also a Mobile Negro, was held in the Clarke County jail at Grove Hill in lieu of $10,000 bond.

Sheriff P. C. Jenkins said at Pine Hill that Jackson admitted the holdup.

Jackson's bond was set at his arraignment today before U. S. Commissioner Ralph Cowden at Grove Hill. He had been arrested yesterday by a highway patrolman near Thomasville about one hour after the little rural bank was held up.

The FBI said $250 of the bank money was found on Jackson.

Glover was picked up by FBI agents at his home in Mobile early today. U. S. Commissioner Alex T. Howard first set bond at $3000 and later reduced it to $2000, which Glover posted.

Jackson and Glover live in the same neighborhood and both are employed at Brookley Air Force Base here. Both were listed as on sick leave yesterday.

FBI Charges Second Negro In Pine Hill Bank Robbery

MOBILE (AP) — A second Negro was arrested Wednesday on a bank robbery charge. James Glover, 26, of Mobile later was released under $2,000 bond. The FBI said a part of the loot was recovered.

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The FBI said $250 of the bank money was found on Jackson.

Glover wes picked up by FBI agents at his home in Mobile early Wednesday. U.S. Commissioner Alex T. Howard first set bond at $3,000 and later reduced it to $2,000 which Glover posted.

Jackson and Glover live in the same neighborhood and both are employed at Brookley Air Force Base here. Both were listed as on sick leave Tuesday.

Fred Vaughn, president of the bank, said the two gunmen appeared rather amateurish and frightened. They took only money from one of the cash drawers.

Sheriff Jenkins quoted Jackson as saying Glover jumped out of the car at Thomasville and fled with the money and pistols.

DEPUTY TAKES STAND

Says He Saw Flogged Girl In Car With Men

BESSEMER, Ala., Oct. 19 (AP)—A sheriff's deputy testified Wednesday he saw Barbara Espy pulled from the floor of a car occupied by four men she says accused her of dating Negroes and flogged her.

Deputy Andy Vines said two of the men, Charles E. Tyler and Herman McWilliams, pointed pistols at him even after he showed them his deputy's badge.

Two other men, James M. Veitch and Henry G. McDaniel, were in the car, Vines said.

The four are being tried on assault and battery charges.

Dr. J. L. Hartley testified he examined Miss Espy April 5, four days after she says the beating took place, and found 4-inch-wide bruises down her back from the waistline to the knees.

Mis Espy, a 19-year-old former WAC, testified Tuesday she was floged for more than 30 minutes by 12 men who accused her of dating Negroes.

She denied dating Negroes.

Four Alabamans Freed in Flogging Of Former WAC

BASSEMER, Ala., Oct. 22 (AP)—Four Bessemer-area men have been cleared of charges that they took part in the flogging of 19-year-old Barbara Jean Espy.

A circuit court jury acquitted them after deliberating about three hours.

The men are James M. Veitch, Herman McWilliams, Charles E. Tyler and Henry G. McDaniel.

Miss Espy, a former WAC, testified during the four-day trial that 12 men took her from her aunt's house last April, took her to a wooded area and accused her of dating Negroes. She said they flogged her for 30 minutes.

She denied dating Negroes.

Two of the four men testified that they came upon Miss Espy on a highway as they returned to Bessemer from Tuscaloosa. They said she told them of being beaten and asked them to take her home.

Four Acquitted In Flog Case

B'ham Post-Herald

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BY TRAVIS WOLFE

Four men at Bessemer yesterday were acquitted of charges they flogged Barbara Jean Espey of Alliance last April.

After deliberating for more than three hours, a Circuit Court jury returned a verdict of not guilty for James M. Veitch, Herman McWilliams, Charles E. Tyler and Henry Gordon McDaniel.

The four men claimed they picked up Miss Espy along the old Tuscaloosa highway after the alleged beating. They were taking her home, they said, when they were stopped by lawmen.

In his summary of the case, Defense Atty. James Hammonds asked: "If these were the men who abducted and beat the girl, why did they return to the scene of the abduction?"

Officer Released

Mr. Hammonds said the girl was so confused at the time that she had a county officer arrested, thinking he was among the men who whipped her.

Officer Walter C. Dean was charged but was released by a grand jury.

Defense also pointed out that the four men were not held under arrest the night of the incident but were arrested and put under bond four days later.

Mr. Dean, who now is deputy coroner, dismissed the four men that night after telephoning a superior, testimony showed.

Deputy Solicitor Robert Gwin in his summary declared: "If the law had been carried out as it should have been, those men would have been placed in jail that night."

Mr. Gwin branded as "incredible, unbelievable" the defendants' story that they went to Tuscaloosa that night.

Prosecution Statement

"If they are not the men," Gwin said, "why was it necessary for defense to inject a Negro into the picture? Was it simply for the purpose of prejudicing the minds of the jury?"

During the trial, defense repeatedly tried to introduce testimony that Miss Espy or her sister, Doris Ann Marrero, dated Negroes.

Miss Espy said she was beaten because the men thought she went out with Negroes. They made her sign a paper stating she dated Negroes, she testified.

Three witnesses to events which occurred that night did not testify in the trial. They were Miss Espy's brother, David, and two defendants, James M. Veitch and Charles E. Tyler.

The fourth and final day of the trial began with closing arguments by prosecution and defense. The jury received the case at 11:45 a.m., took off for lunch and delivered the verdicts at 3:30 p.m.

4 Acquitted Of Flogging In Bessemer

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BESSEMER (AP) — Four men were acquitted Friday of assault and battery charges stemming from accusations that they helped flog a 19-year-old former WAC.

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A circuit court jury deliberated about three hours before returning the innocent verdict for James M. Veitch, Herman McWilliams, Charles E. Tyler and Henry Gordon McDaniel.

FLOGGED 30 MINUTES

Barbara Espy of Alliance, Ala., testified during the four-day trial that she was taken from her aunt's house last April to a wooded area where she was flogged for more than 30 minutes by 12 men. She said they accused her of dating Negroes. She denied it.

Two of the four men testified the four were returning from Tuscaloosa when they picked up Miss Espy on the highway. The two said she told them she had been beaten and asked them to take her home.

Enroute, they said, they were stopped by police.

Suspect Held After Robbery In Pine Hill

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Sun. 10-19-60

By BERNICE MASON

Advertiser Correspondent

PINE HILL—Two Negro men held up the Bank of Pine Hill Tuesday and fled with $950.

About an hour later two highway patrolmen picked up a Negro man in a car matching the description of the getaway car.

The man, identified as Clovece Jackson, 32, of Mobile, admitted his part in the robbery of the Wilcox County bank, Sheriff P. C. Jenkins said.

Jackson said his accomplice was James Glover, about 27, also of Mobile, the sheriff said. Glover jumped out of the getaway car at Thomasville, some 15 miles south-west, and took the money and firearms, Jackson told officers.

ACCOMPLICE SEEN

The sheriff said Jackson had no money when arrested. The Negro man's accomplice was reported seen in Thomasville, trying to get a ride to Mobile. Glover was carrying a paper sack and something wrapped in a rag, according to reports. A search was under way for the suspect in the Thomasville area.

Jackson told officers he came to Pine Hill to see an aunt about a loan but couldn't locate her and he and Glover decided then to rob the bank.

Sheriff Jenkins said woods burning west of here on state Highway 10 led to discovery of clothing which Jackson said he and Glover had set afire in an attempt to destroy. Part of a coat sleeve was recovered.

Jackson was arrested near Thomasville by Highway Patrol Sgt. C. E. Canterbury and Cpl. W. W. Jeffries.

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The sheriff said Tuesday night that only two men were involved in the holdup. Earlier, it was reported there were three men.

Fred Vaughn, 55, president of the bank, said the two men came into the bank about 11:30 a. m. when two employes were out to lunch. There were three persons in the bank, Vaughn, teller Escul Bradford and Maggie Lee Austin, Negro woman.

Montgomery, Ala.

ONLY 2 INVOLVED

"The big man came in first, with the little one right behind him," Vaughn said. "They came to a window where I was standing. They were wearing dingy, dirty clothes."

One of the men inquired about making a loan and the other asked about cashing a check. Then they pulled out pistols and said, "This is a stickup," Vaughn related.

The men then emptied a paper sack of leaves and ordered Vaughn to fill the sack with money. Vaughn said he took money from one cash drawer and placed it in the bag.

SACK OF LEAVES

Vaughn and Bradford were forced into the vault.

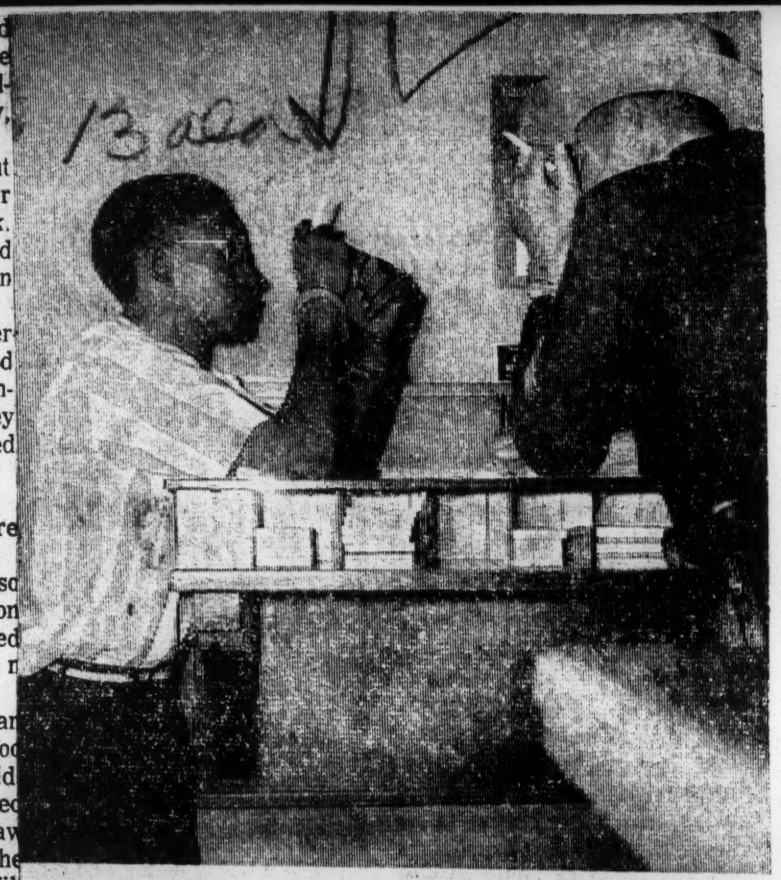
"I fixed the combination so they couldn't lock it and as soon as they were gone, we pushed the door back open," Vaughn said.

"I grabbed my gun and ran out the door but they were too far away for me to fire," he said.

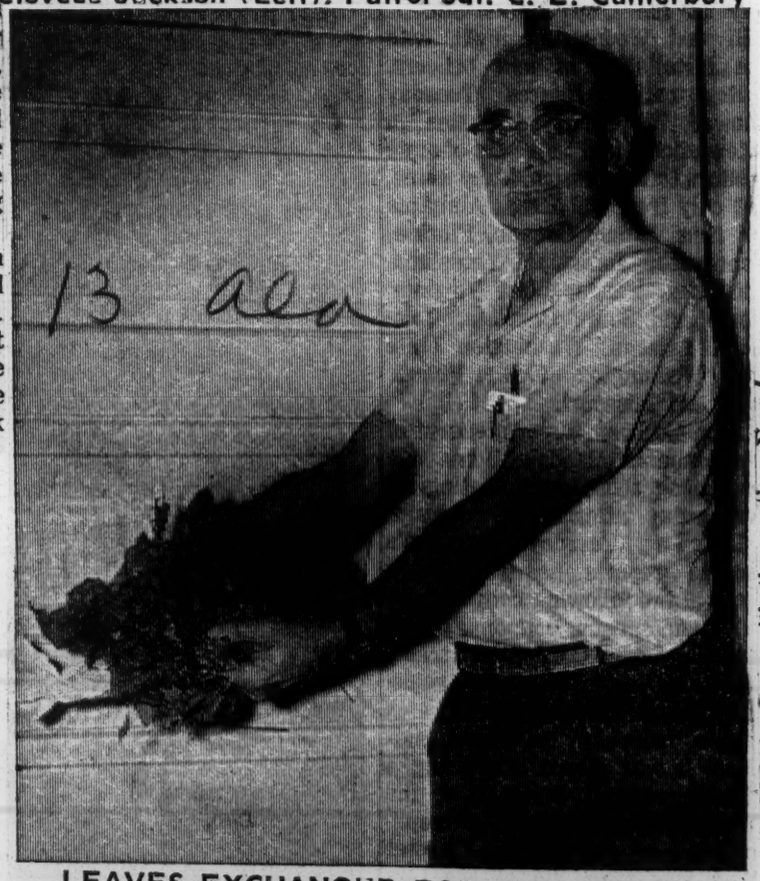
Maggie Lee Austin, shoved aside as the gunmen fled, saw the getaway car and reported the license number as 66-2324, a Wilcox number.

The sheriff said the car was spotted by the patrolmen near Thomasville. When arrested, Jackson admitted the holdup, the sheriff said. The Negro man said he and his accomplice stopped the car off Highway 10 and set fire to coats they had worn during the holdup.

The FBI at Mobile said a charge of bank robbery was filed against Jackson before the U. S. commissioner there. An official at Brookley Air Force Base where Jackson was employed said the Negro was listed as being on sick leave.



NEGRO ADMITS PART IN PINE HILL HOLDUP
Clovece Jackson (Left), Patrol Sgt. C. E. Canterbury



LEAVES EXCHANGED FOR $950 AT BANK
President Fred Vaughn Holds Leaves Left By Bandits

Negro Gets 10 Years For Robbery

B'ham Post-Herald

MOBILE, Oct. 19 (AP)—A 38-year-old Mobile Negro was convicted by a circuit court jury today of robbing a Mobile theater owner of $1400 in June of 1959.

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The jury fixed a term of 10 years for George Dixon after deliberating about eight hours.

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Dixon was arrested in March along with three other Negroes, two white men and a white woman. They were charged with a total of nine Mobile robberies.

Columbiana Negro Reports Flogging By White Group

COLUMBIANA (Special) — A Negro man told authorities here Thursday that he was taken from his home Wednesday night, tied to a tree and flogged by a group of white men.

Junior Buie, 28, told Shelby County Sheriff Red Walker that he was forced to walk naked through the woods to his home after the men beat him. He required treatment for facial cuts.

Buie, employed at a Columbiana auto agency, said the men accused him of hauling illegal liquor before forcing him to go with them.

The Negro said a pillow case was placed over his head and he was forced to lie on the floor of a car while the men drove to the wooded area where he was beaten.

The men had difficulty in finding Buie's home.

They first went to the home of Andrew Reynolds, also a Negro, around 9 p.m. in the search for Buie. Both Reynolds and George Dailey were hit in the face with what apparently was a pistol.

Reynolds said Dailey told officers Buie's car had been parked in their yard because of mud in the area.

Buie said the men had Reynolds' wife call for him. He was caught by the men when he was walking toward the Reynolds' home, he said.

Buie said there were more than two white men and two automobiles. They took him handcuffed to the wood and beat him. He said he was then released with the instruction to "stay here 10 minutes or somebody would shoot you."

He abided by the instructions and then ran for his home, two miles away.

The incident is one of several similar ones reported in this area in the last year and a half.

In 1958, a Negro minister, Thomas Dewitt Wesley, was followed from Alabaster where he preached, into Bibb County and flogged.

Last March, Lawrence Brasher, a Negro millhand living near Columbiana, was taken from his home by a group of white men and beaten. His wife, Mattie Brasher, ran from the house after the men had gone. Her body was found later in a creek where she apparently had fallen and drowned.

State Aid Asked In Negro Beating

COLUMBIANA, Feb. 19 (AP)—Local authorities today asked for state aid in investigating Central Alabama's most recent Negro flogging.

Circuit Solicitor Frank Head said Junior Buie, 28, was beaten Wednesday night by a group of white men.

Head said officers have been unable to find any reason for the attack.

It was the fourth such incident in Shelby County and adjoining Bibb County in the past two years.

Buie was treated by a physician for lacerations on his back, some of which required stitches.

Sheriff C. P. Walker quoted Buie as saying the men accused him of hauling illegal liquor. Buie denied it.

Walker said the white men went to Buie's neighbor's house looking for him and struck two Negro men there while they searched.

Bandit Gets $95 In Holdup Here

Armed Negro Takes Cash From Office

Two women employes of a local dry cleaning firm were robbed of $95 late yesterday afternoon by a Negro man brandishing a silver-plated revolver.

The bandit ordered Mrs. Voncille Williams and Miss Mamie Posey into the rear of Parker's Sno-White Laundry, 1002 Bell St., after robbing them, and then fled, police said.

PUT IT IN POCKET

He took the $95 from the cash register and stuffed it in his raincoat pockets, Patrolmen C. J. Maggelet and S. G. Shipman said.

Mrs. Williams said the Negro man, described as between 25 or 30 years of ago and wearing a heavy moustache, came into the dry cleaning firm about 6:55 p.m. yesterday and pulled the pistol from his pocket.

She said he then pointed it at her and said "give me all your money."

ORDERED TO REAR

Mrs. Williams added she gave him the money and was then herded into the rear of the building along with Miss Posey. He then fled, she said, in an undetermined direction.

Police said Mrs. Williams and Miss Posey were the only persons in the plant at the time of the robbery.

They described the Negro as being about six feet tall, weighing 160 pounds and dressed in a tan raincoat.

Detectives started an investigation into the robbery immediately but had not arrested anyone today.

Flogging Of Negro In Shelby County Is Being Investigated

COLUMBIANA, Ala. (AP) — Sheriff's deputies are investigating the reported flogging of a Negro man near here Wednesday night, one of several in this area over the past year and a half.

Sheriff Red Walker said Junior Buie, about 26, related that he was forced to accompany several white men from his home and taken to a wooded area where he was beaten with what appeared to be a tree limb.

Buie was treated for facial cuts. He said he walked from the wooded area to his home, about two miles, after the white men had taken his clothing.

Buie said the white men accused him of hauling liquor. He is employed by a Columbiana auto agency.

The heriff said Andrew Reynolds and George Dailey, who live near Buie, said they were struck in the face with what appeared to be a pistol. They said the white men went to their house first looking for Buie.

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3 Negro Women Held In Lake Martin Looting

Special to The Post-Herald

ROCKFORD, Feb. 13 — Three Negro women are charged here with burglarizing a number of cabins in the Lake Martin recreation area, and the Coosa County sheriff's office has taken on the appearance of a second-hand store with articles held for cabin owners to pick up.

Sheriff Lawrence Estes identified the three as Ora Russell, 35; Bessie Mae Buckner, 29, and Louise Jones, 27, all of Goodwater.

They were captured by Tyre Spear of LaPine, who discovered the women at a cabin owned by relatives at Kowaliga Cove.

Spear believed the women there to fish until he entered the cabin and found silverware, clothing and other items bundled up ready to be hauled off.

He drove away, and down the road came across a county road truck. He sent one man to get police, and had another set up a road block.

Spear headed back to the cabin, and enroute met the women in a car. He blocked the gravel road and held the women at pistol-point for an hour until help arrived.

The women said they did not know how many cabins they had robbed. The Russell woman said it was "a heap of them."

More than a carload of merchandise believed stolen was recovered at the women's homes, and another carload was recovered at a Sylacauga shop where they had pawned various items.

Was Couple Slain?

The Pittsburgh Courier

What Happened To Man, Blonde Woman in Ala.?

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By TREZZVANT W. ANDERSON
(Courier Roving Reporter)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—What has happened to the Negro man dragged from his car and beaten and abducted by two carloads of white men here? What has happened to the blond white woman who was his reported companion, and who was driven off in the Negro's car by the abductors?

Have they been murdered and their bodies hidden?

What has become of the red and white Cadillac with Ohio license plates, in which the couple rode up to a Billups service station here on the night of Jan. 30?

These are the burning questions still being asked by hundreds of Negroes who will not believe Police Commissioner "Bull" Connor's version of the affair that it was "a gypsy tribal punishment" affair.

The affair was a typical Alabama operation, somewhat similar—in a way—to the abduction and chain-whipping here in 1958 of the Rev. Charles W. Billups, a Negro who is associated with the Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth organization.

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BILLUPS WAS flung into a car and driven out into a rural area where he was tied to a tree and horse-whipped with chains and sticks. He was blindfolded by his captors. Detectives never uncovered any leads in his case. The couple in the Jan. 30 incident was not blindfolded.

The "explanation" by Commissioner Connor was an admission that an abduction and beating did take place. His statement that the participants were all gypsies has carried no substantiating evidence, nor has any been produced to back up this explanation.

What has been one of the most baffling and bizarre incidents in history gives every evidence of actually having happened, just the white men who reported it said it heppened. Everyone investigating the case has run up against a blind stop, even the police.

LOCAL POLICE wanted to first call the whole thing a "hoax," as they were unable to even approach a solution.

The local FBI office passed the buck, by saying they had no jurisdiction.

The Courier worked on the theory that the man might have been an Ohio entertainer playing a date that night at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, and had a fair-skinned Negro companion with a blonde hairdo.

A detective lieutenant who asked not be named of the local force told the Courier his men had thought about that aspect of the situation also. "We know one 'Nigra' woman in this area who could fit that description perfectly," the lieutenant said, "the hair, her skin and eyes, too. But she is accounted for." There are many Negro women in this area who can easily pass for white.

Was the Negro man a Northerner who had a white wife, whose presence had aroused the anger of whites in this area? The area where the crime occurred is in the vicinity of where Klansman "Ace" Carter had his shooting incident sometime ago.

There was speculation among some Negroes that the local police department might not be pressing as it should because of probable Klan or White Citizens' Council connection with the kidnapping.

One thing is positive: a kidnapping did take place. The detective lieutenant admitted to the Courier that his men have the hat of the victim. It was dropped at the scene of the crime. It is a woolen hat with the short brim of the Ivy League "bop" type.

Somebody had to be the wearer of that hat. It was the only clue the police had to work with. The lieutenant told this reporter: "If it hadn't been for the hat, I would have done called it a hoax. But we can't call it a hoax as long as we've got the hat. We don't know where it came from. The hat shows nothing. This thing has just got us sitting here scratching our heads."

He promised his men would make a thorough probe, regardless of the race of those involved. But this reporter remembered Rev. Billups' case—and those chain marks forever imbedded into Rev. Billups' flesh. No one was ever caught for that heinous crime.

There was one man, who did want to be identified, who said he had seen a car fitting the description given about 6:30 P.M., that same day, and that a Negro and a white woman were in it. The crime occurred around 11:30 that night.

As the abductors took their captives they zoomed out of the curved parking area of the service station onto the superhighway and up the hill, over it and out of sight, vanishing completely—as if from the earth.

The lieutenant said Holman wasn't to be found last Wednesday, even by police. He had received threatening calls from someone.

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COMMISSIONER CONNER'S statement said the gypsy group sent the dark gypsy and the blonde white woman out of the county after inflicting the punishment upon them for violating tribal rules. There was nothing to corroborate the explanation, and Negroes here still believe the Klan or the White Citizens' Council has taken the law as a joke and done bodily harm to two persons—and got away with it.

Who was the mystery Negro? Who was the blonde white woman? Some where, some time, two decomposed bodies may turn up at far apart spots, victims of another Alabama mob. If so, Negroes don't believe they will be bodies of gypsies, but the bodies of a Negro man and a white woman, or a Negro and light-skinned Negro woman whom the mobsters thought was a white woman.

The two witnesses are positive the man was a Negro. Ellis referred to him later as "a burrhead," a typical term.

Negro Gets 10-Day Term In Bribe Try

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A Negro man who attempted to bribe a police officer last night was sentenced to 10 days hard labor and fined $100 by Judge Eugene Loe today in Recorder's Court.

Joe Walters, 517 Holt St., was also fined $100 and costs for possession of moonshine whisky.

Vice Squad Officer A. E. Bland testified that Walters offered him a $15 bribe after the defendant was arrested with a bottle of untaxed liquor in his possession.

BROTHER CHARGED

A. C. Walters, brother of the defendant, was also charged with violation of the prohibition law after he told Judge Loe the moonshine belonged to him.

In another case today, three Negro teen-agers were sentenced to 30 days in jail on a charge of attempting to commit a felony.

Willie C. Curry, 1137 Cleveland Ave., and Floyd Harris, 2338 Jefferson Ave., both 18, along with Roosevelt Youngblood, 16, of 402 Auburn St., admitted breaking in a building at 2154 Day St.

BOND AT $300

Wilbur Lee Williams, 1809 Stokes St., was bound over to the grand jury on charges of burglary. Judge Loe set bond at $300.

Fined $100 and costs for driving while intoxicated were Peter C. Madison, 728 Pelham St., and Sam Reeves, Graham, Tex.

William Lane, no address listed, was fined $50 and costs for assault and battery; Victoria Pagel, no address listed, $100 and costs for vagrancy; Clara Lee Bibb, 1773 Jackson Ferry Rd., $100 and costs for violation of the prohibition law; and R. F. Lott, 671 Mobile St., $25 and costs for selling beer without a city license.

DISORDERLY FINES

Three defendants were fined $25 and costs for disorderly conduct. They were Sam Pernell, 2420 Starr St., Jimmie L. Warren, 807 Patterson Alley, and Johnnie Whittaker, 840 Oak St.

Earl C. Walters, 1402 Goode St., and Harold Sheffield, 12 N. Jackson St., were each fined $25 and costs for false pretense.

Theodore Williams, 2031 Carlisle St., pleaded guilty to charges of possession of illegal whisky and Judge Loe set the fine at $50 and costs. Mary Bigman, 622 S. Bainbridge St., was fined $25 and costs for carrying a concealed knife.

Duane Crowell, no address listed, was sentenced to 30 additional days in jail on charges of escape. Richard Fraley, 38 Wilkerson St., was fined $50 for assault and battery and disorderly conduct.

Three Fined in Tuskegee Lottery

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(Courier Press Service)

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — Local whites may have gone along with relocating the voting lines so as to keep Negroes from voting, but some of them certainly haven't broken their ties in using Negroes in other ways. Robert Howard, 33, prominent white businessman, has been fined $500 on operating a lottery charge. He was once a candidate for probate judge, here.

Seven other persons were arrested in the same lottery roundup, and charged with being parts of the Howard operation. All were Negroes. Two pleaded innocent, but were found guilty, a third was acquitted and four others, two of them women, are awaiting trial.

Negro Robert Parker, 34, drew a $500 fine and six months in prison for possessing lottery equipment. He still faces charges of having illegal whiskey and narcotics. H. L. Joseph, 24, was fined $500 for carrying on a lottery operation.

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SHOOTING SCENE EXAMINED

Elmore County Sheriff Lester Holley (right) examines spot (arrow) on Lake Martin cabin steps where Joe Broom (center) was standing last October when his left ankle was shattered by a bullet. Holley took fragments of the concrete for lab tests. Looking on (left) is Frank Barefield, owner of the cabin near the cottage where 9-year-old Barbara King was killed last Sunday night.—Staff Photo by Bud Van Brunt

LINKED TO FIRECRACKERS

Sniper Pattern Shown In 2 Other Incidents

By DON McKEE
Advertiser State Editor

CASTAWAY ISLAND, Ala. — Like the slough sniper's bullet which mysteriously struck down little Barbara King, the strange shooting case has mushroomed with belated reports of two other incidents.

A week after the 9-year-old Birmingham girl was killed by a shattering blast to the head, Elmore County authorities sought to determine if the strikingly similar shootings were connected.

In each incident, these facts stood out:

The target of the sniper's bullets had been exploding firecrackers.

Each shooting occurred at about the same time of night, between 7 and 8:30 p.m.

The shootings were within a 300-yard radius along the shore of an inlet one mile south of this island resort, 20 miles northeast of Wetumpka.

Not since the gruesome Torso Murders of June 1959 when two brothers were slain and mutilated in Calhoun County, has a case inspired such widespread interest.

In the latest development, Sheriff Lester Holley Saturday examined the scene of a last October shooting, only about 300 yards from where Barbara King fell dead at her father's feet while celebrating the Fourth of July with firecrackers.

HELD IN JAIL

John Wilbanks, 41 - year - old neighbor of the Kings, is being held without bond in the county jail on a first degree murder charge in the slaying. A ballistics expert said tests showed Wilbanks' high-powered 8 mm. German-made rifle fired the fatal shot.

Wilbanks, a law school graduate who lives on a $400 a month inheritance, has denied knowledge of any of the shootings. He said his rifle wasn't fired the night of the murder.

Joe Henry Broom, 44-year-old Montgomerian, Saturday showed Holley the spot where he was standing on the steps of a cabin when his left ankle was smashed by what apparently was a high-velocity bullet.

STILL ON CRUTCHES

Broom, still on crutches nine months afterward, owed his life to a companion, J. Frank Barefield, who drove the wounded man to a hospital while holding a tourniquet around Broom's leg.

Nine-year-old Carl Robinson reported he was fired at the night before Barbara King was slain. The youth was visiting with his grandfather, W. E. Robinson, whose cottage is only about 200 yards from the King cottage. He, like the other two victims, had been exploding small firecrackers.

Fragments of rock and metal taken from the Robinson yard and pieces of concrete from the cabin steps where Broom was shot will be examined by Chief State Toxicologist C. J. Rehling of Auburn.

Ala. datelines—

Man said not guilty in beating

MONTGOMERY, Ala., July 2—(AP)—A Montgomery woman has told police that the man she picked out of a lineup was not the one who beat her and left her to wander lost in the woods of Elmore County for two days.

Montgomery Detective J. D. Townes quoted Thelma H. Cheek, 53, as saying in a written statement yesterday that "I must have gotten in a car with someone else."

The woman told Townes that she was with Henry Blackwell, 41-year-old former Montgomery cab driver, the night of June 23. Blackwell has admitted that but denied the rest of her claims.

HOWEVER, SHE SAID in the statement that she left him and that someone else must have picked her up, drove her to the remote wooded area, beat her when she resisted his advances, then drove off and left her there.

The woman stumbled out of the woods and was spotted by a motorist last Saturday. She was scratched and bruised, apparently beaten with a blunt instrument, and had not eaten in two days.

Despite her retraction, Elmore County Sheriff Lester Holley said Blackwell remained charged with assault with intent to murder and would face preliminary hearing July 18. He is free under bond.

HOLLEY SAID IT would be up to County Judge Edward Sanford whether or not to drop the charge against Blackwell. The judge could also question the woman about swearing out a warrant against a man she later decided was innocent, the sheriff added.

Six hurt in wreck

MONTGOMERY, Ala., July 2—(AP)—Ousted from a nightspot, a vengeful motorist backed off, roared down the highway and evidently tried to ram the club with his car.

But instead, as he sped across the road toward his target, the irate driver caused a three-car smashup in which six other persons suffered minor injuries, said Highway Patrolman W. L. Hilyer.

Hilyer said Stanford Champion, 26, of nearby Prattville, was charged with drunk driving after the incident last night involving the Trophy Club, located on U. S. Highway 31 north of Montgomery.

The officer quoted the club manager as saying he ejected Champion for starting an argument with another customer and that the Prattville man threatened to come back and ram the place with his car.

Negro Ex-Con Faces Trial In Beating

UNION SPRINGS (AP) — A 32-year-old Negro ex-convict, Walter Lee McCoy of Birmingham, faces trial here Aug. 1 in the robbery-beating of an elderly white man.

Circuit Solicitor Seymore Trammell said the Bullock County Grand Jury indicted McCoy for robbery, a capital offense in Alabama, after he admitted the June 21 attack on Dan Smith of near Union Springs.

The 70-year-old retired farmer, still hospitalized with critical head injuries, was beaten in his bed shortly after dawn. His wrist watch was taken.

Trammell said the Negro, paroled two days earlier after serving a prison term for attempted murder, signed a statement admitting that he beat Smith "until he didn't move anymore."

Investigators found Smith's wrist watch in underbrush near the house.

Negro Claims Clerk Shot By Car Thief At Mobile

MOBILE (AP)—A young clerk from New Orleans was brought to Mobile and shot to death after he surprised two Mobilians trying to steal his car, Sheriff Ray D. Bridges quoted one of them as saying Thursday.

The officer quoted David Oakley, 17-year-old Negro, as saying he was present when Melvin Bourne, 20, was shot on the East Fowl River Bridge south of the city. Oakley said a companion fired the shot.

Bridges said Oakley named the other person, but the sheriff declined to give his name immediately.

Oakley, who has not been charged as yet in the slaying, was being questioned further.

Bridges said he related this account:

He and a companion were trying to steal Bourne's car in New Orleans the night of April 1 when the youth surprised them. They kidnaped him at gunpoint and forced him to drive to Mobile County.

He was shot on the bridge during the early morning hours of April 2.

His body, shot through the heart, was found floating in the river April 6.

The discovery of Bourne's car last Tuesday night provided the first real break in the case.

It was found at a Mobile hospital, where a housewife had driven it to work. Her husband had bought it from a used car dealer, who said he bought it from Oakley in early May.

Oakley is in jail in lieu of $6,000 bond on charges of burglarizing three Mobile County homes. Bridges said he also is being questioned in 10 other burglary cases.

During the course of the burglary probe, Bridges said, a city detective discovered that Oakley had been driving Bourne's 1957 car.

The detective found Bourne's Louisiana license tag where Oakley admitted throwing it in a wooded area in north Mobile. A single Alabama tag had been substituted on the car for the Louisiana tag.

2 Alabama Sleuths Fired In Shakedown

ANNISTON, Ala. — Two veteran white detectives here have been fired as a result of a shakedown racket which victimized at least one Negro family.

Detective W. E. Deason and Homer Rascoe were fired after a state investigation.

The two officers were charged with shaking down Mr. and Mrs. James Young, a Negro couple. Mrs. Young had been arrested and jailed on an unspecified charge and her husband was compelled to sign a contract for remodeling his house by the two detectives, with the understanding that Mrs. Young's fine would be included in the contract.

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HOWEVER, when Mrs. Young was released she wouldn't sign the contract. Then the detectives claimed they had paid her fine of $232, and forced the Negroes to borrow the money to pay them.

Rascoe is a partner in a home remodeling firm, and Deason a salesman for the same firm. No charge was ever placed against Mrs. Young and city records show no fine having been paid.

Two arrested in movie house stink bombings

BY TOM LANKFORD
News staff writer

Stink bombs were hurled into two major Birmingham movie houses early today as the result of a labor dispute, according to police.

Captain of Detectives Ben Walker said the firing of a "trouble shooter" for the Motion Picture Machine Operators union at Bessemer apparently sparked the action.

WALKER SAID two union members were arrested shortly after a solution was spread in the Alabama and Ritz theatres.

The pair was spotted climbing down a fire escape at the Alabama Theater, and were arrested a few blocks away, he said.

They were identified as Julian C. Harper, 42, 1620 Pearson-av, sw, and Jack L. Borders, 36, Adamsville Rt. 2. Walker said felony charges will be placed against them.

Borders, a partime projector and backstage employe at the Alabama, was treated at University Hospital for first degree back and shoulder burns after his arrest.

Police said the stink bombs were in quart jars and contained acid. Borders apparently suffered burns while spreading the solution, they said.

THERE WERE no other injuries reported. Both theaters were empty when the incidents occurred shortly after midnight.

A projection operator at a Bessemer theater was fired two weeks ago, police said, and he threatened to "make trouble."

Walker said the man was employed by the Wilby-Kincey Service Corp., which also operates the Alabama and Ritz Theaters.

Employes at the Alabama said the stink solution was hurled on the walls and floors of the main floor. At the Ritz, a bomb was thrown into the ticket ofifce.

Cecil McGlohon, manager of the two theaters, said damage was slight. However, acid destroyed a ticket machine at the Ritz, he said.

McGLOHON SAID he had obtained a chemical that would eliminate the odor caused by the bombs, and both theaters would be opened today as usual.

Officers E. C. Von Reistenburg and R. E. Towner arrested the suspects about two blocks from the Alabama Theater.

THE OFFICERS said they found "several other stink bombs discarded in a trash can about 30 feet from where they took the men in custody.

Reistenburg said both suspects smelled heavily of the odor which was spread in the theaters.

Borders admitted he and Harper had been in the Alabama, police said. He told police that he had a key to the building and had returned after work to search for a $20 bill he had lost.

He said when he was looking for the money, an unidentified man jumped out and "threw the solution on me."

Police said Borders started crying when he was arrested and complained that he had been burned.

BORDERS AND Harper told officers they are members of the Motion Picture Machine Operator Union, Local 236.

Leo Nations, president of the union, declined to comment.

Detectives C. L. Pierce, C. L. Stevens, Lt. E. E. Loveless and Sgt. J. L. Rhodes investigated.

"We will not tolerate this labor trouble in Birmingham," Capt. Walker warned. "We have a place on the Southside for such offenders."

No Teen-Race Rumbles

Montgomery police have sharply warned that they will not tolerate outbreaks between Negro and white youngsters such as occurred there the other day. They say they will positively get tough. We know that is the police attitude here in Birmingham also. No other policy is acceptable. Such ruckuses could swiftly explode into very serious conflict which might spread disastrously.

2 arrested in flogging

COLUMBIANA, Ala. — A 34-year-old Sylacauga salesman was indicted Wednesday in the kidnapping of two teenage brothers in Harpersville Saturday night and the flogging of the oldest boy.

In addition to the indictment returned against Thomas Kelly, 34, who surrendered to Sheriff C. P. Walker, the sheriff also arrested Emmett V. Leverette, 42, in the case. Both were held under $1,500 bond.

Four other white men are still at large.

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BOTH KELLY and Leverette were arrested on warrants accusing them as members of the group that kidnaped Henry Jones, 19, and his 23-year-old brother David. The youths said they were forced into a car and driven about 12 miles out of town.

The older of the two, Henry, said he was tied to a tree, stripped to his underwear and flogged for about 15 minutes with belts and knotted thongs.

"We aren't going to have any colored people working at the service stations in Harpersville," Henry quoted the men as saying.

He further said that the men also apparently objected to his filling out credit card sales slips for white customers.

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C. B. MILLER, Jones' employer, praised the young man as "one of the best workers "I've ever seen". He assured Jones that he can "certainly continue working at the station if he wants to." Miller further added he could see "no cause" for the abduction and flogging.

Gov. John Patterson, commenting on the case, said state officers are ready to help in any way in the investigation. We will not tolerate mob violence in Alabama, the governor declared.

Bomb thrown in yard called apparent prank

A small homemade bomb thrown into the front yard of a Fairmont Negro's home Friday night was apparently the work of pranksters, detectives said.

The bomb was found at the home of Juanita McGothin of 2416 41st-av, n. Detectives said the core of the bomb was tissue paper which enclosed pieces of glass, three firecrackers, air rifle shots and bird shots. The contents were wrapped in telephone wire, they said.

Two firecrackers exploded but did not break the wires. One resident of the home said he saw a car with the headlights out slow down in front of the house and then drive off. He told officers the explosion sounded like a shotgun.

Residents of the home also reported that someone threw a firecracker in the yard last Wednesday. They told police they know of no reason for the incidents.

6 Men Kidnap, Flog Negro With Belts and Ropes

HARPERSVILLE, Ala., July 31 (UPI).—A perplexed young Negro who thought he didn't have an enemy in the world prepared Sunday to move north following his abduction and flogging by a band of white men.

Henry Lewis Jones, 20, and his 13-year-old brother, David, were pushed into a car late Saturday night as they walked into the yard of their home from a service station where Henry worked.

BEATEN WITH BELTS

The abductors stripped Henry down to his shorts, tied him to a tree and beat him with belts and knotted lengths of rope. They cut him down and left with a warning to give them time to make their getaway.

Those were the first words uttered by a band of about six young white men. Jones said they gave him absolutely no reason for the attack but he surmised they had become angered when he, a Negro, filled out their credit card form for gasoline.

Police said there was local resentment against Negroes working in service stations.

HUNT FOR ABDUCTORS

Local officers were in charge of the search for the abductors.

Clarence Kelley, in charge of the FBI office at Birmingham, said that apparently no Federal violation was involved and that the case definitely did not fall within the Lindbergh kidnap law. He noted also that no masks were worn.

Kelley said the FBI would be watching developments in the case closely, however, indicating the agency was ready to step in if authorized in any way.

This was the latest in a series of similar incidents in this area of the State in the past several years.

NEAR 'BLACK BELT'

Harpersville, a small rural community, is about 30 miles south of Birmingham, and is on the edge of the "Black Belt" of Alabama, where Negroes greatly outnumber whites.

Jones was not wounded seriously in the flesh but his spirit was crushed by the incident.

"It just don't make sense," he said. "I thought all the people around here were my friends. I treat people just like I want to be treated myself."

Jones' employer, C. B. Miller, was burning mad over the attack. He said he would do everything he can to bring about arrests and prosecution for the beating.

'GO UP NORTH'

Miller said Jones was one of the best employes he has ever had and he hoped he would remain. But the Negro turned him down.

"I don't think I will work in the gas station any more," he said. "I guess I will go live with my brother, who is up north."

Jones said he had seen at least one of the attackers earlier Saturday when he came to the station for gas. The car driven by the group had a license number from Talladega county.

The Negro said he and his brother were walking into the yard of their home with arms loaded with groceries when a car drove up and the white men piled out and dragged them into the back seat.

TAKE TURNS IN FLOGGING

He said they were driven about 25 miles across the line into Talladega county. The car turned off the main road and stopped near a house. They were ordered out and the flogging began.

Jones said each of the men—he thought there were six—took part in the flogging.

In New York, Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said the abduction was "another example of what can happen in a State whose highest officials, through their public pronouncements, foster the development of a climate in which any white person feels privileged to make any kind of attack upon any Negro for any or no reason."

Solicitor Balks Federal Move

REFUSES TO TURN OVER SUSPECT IN ROBBERY AT CLIO

CLAYTON (AP) — A state's attorney who once tried to keep voter records away from federal agents refused to surrender a bank robbery defendant Monday in a new gesture of defiance.

Circuit Solicitor Seymore Trammell abruptly turned down the federal government's request for the custody of Athie Senn, 44-year-old escaped convict accused of robbing The Peoples Bank of Clio, Ala., Seven days ago.

A federal bank robbery charge was filed against Senn last Wednesday after two robbery warrants had been sworn out in state court. FBI agents sought custody of the defendant for trial in federal court.

Trammell issued a strongly worded statement questioning whether the Justice Department and the federal courts "have time to try people charged with high crimes."

"It seems," he charged, "that their sole aim is about the Constitution of the United States, destroy the peace and tranquilties handle our own law enforcement problems."

Senn meanwhile remained in the Barbour County jail without bond under the robbery charges which could bring the death penalty. Unless a special grand jury is called, the solicitor said the charges will be submitted to the regular jury next February.

The escaped convict was captured last Tuesday less than an hour after the Clio bank was robbed of $4,749. Although he ity of our people, and try to establish a judicial tyranny."

Apparently, he continued, the federal government "thinks that no state court or state agency can handle law enforcement matters as they can." Then he added: "The trouble today in our nation is that there is already far too much federal interference in local governmental affairs, and, as the solicitor of the Third Judicial Circuit, I am going to see, insofar as possible, that local governmental and state authori-

denied any part in the holdup. Two employes of the bank identified him, and he had all but $5 of the amount taken.

Both Clayton and Clio are in Barbour County, where Civil Rights Commission agents investigated Negro voting complaints in 1958.

Trammell, as state's attorney, was one of the lawyers representing voter registration authorities who refused to make their records available to the federal agents until ordered to do so by a federal judge.

The solicitor, and the other attorneys, insisted that the federal agency had no right to look at the records.

Gov. John Patterson could not be reached Monday night for comment on Trammell's action, but Atty. Gen. MacDonald Gallion voiced his approval of the move.

"I have not had an opportunity to confer with Solicitor Trammel on the matter," Gallion said. "However, this is a case of concurrent jurisdiction between the state and federal government and I certainly would not advocate turning the prisoner over to federal authorities unless full accord is reached with local authorities."

Alabama Probes Flogging by Six Of Negro Youth

HARPERSVILLE, Ala., Aug. 1 (UPI).—A grand jury this week will consider the flogging of a young Negro gas station attendant by six white men before any arrests are made, Sheriff C. P. Walker said today.

Mr. Walker said he knew "pretty well" the identity of at least two of the floggers who stripped the twenty-year-old Negro and lashed him with belts and knotted thongs for a quarter of an hour Saturday night.

The victim of the abduction-flogging, latest incident of Alabama night-rider violence, said he plans to leave the state and move "up North." It could not be learned whether the victim, Henry Lewis Jones, would appear as a witness in the case.

The small, 120-pound Negro said he was stripped to his underwear, tied to a tree and beaten by five or six men.

"It don't make sense," he said. "I thought all the people around here were my friends. I treat people just like I want to be treated myself."

His employer, C. B. Miller, said the youth was courteous to customers and a good worker. Mr. Jones said the floggers wanted Mr. Miller to fire him and refuse to hire Negroes. He said the men threatened to flog Mr. Miller's wife if another Negro were hired.

Jury Indicts Bus Driver

CAMDEN (AP) — A teen-aged school bus driver was charged with second-degree manslaughter Tuesday in the death of six Negro pupils when the vehicle was ripped apart by a train.

Circuit Solicitor Blanchard McLeod said a grand jury indicted 18-year-old David Jackson after investigating the school bus-train wreck last Tuesday at a crossing near Coy, 15 miles south of here.

McLeod said Jackson was arrested and released under $1,000 bond. Trial was set for April 18. Maximum penalty for second-degree manslaughter is $500 fine and one year in prison.

Six pupils were killed and 14 others injured when a freight train rammed into the school bus driven by Jackson, a high school student.

The youth said his brakes failed as he approached the grade crossing and he speeded up in an effort to beat the oncoming train. The train hit the bus midway, tearing it apart.

McLeod said the bus underwent a checkup less than a week earlier with no defects found. Since then, he added, investigators checking the wreckage have uncovered no evidence of faulty brakes.

The solicitor said he asked the grand jury to look into the tragedy in line with his policy of turning all traffic fatalities over to the inquisitorial body.

Ala. Jury Gets Flogging Story

COLUMBUS, Ala., (UPI) — Circuit Solicitor Frank Head told a grand jury was expected to hear evidence Tuesday about the flogging of a popular young Negro by six white men even though no arrests have been made in the case.

Jones was reported to have told him, "we don't want any trouble." Chief R. H. Rogers said he was not sure ill feeling about Jones' work was the real motive for the attack.

However, Harpersville police

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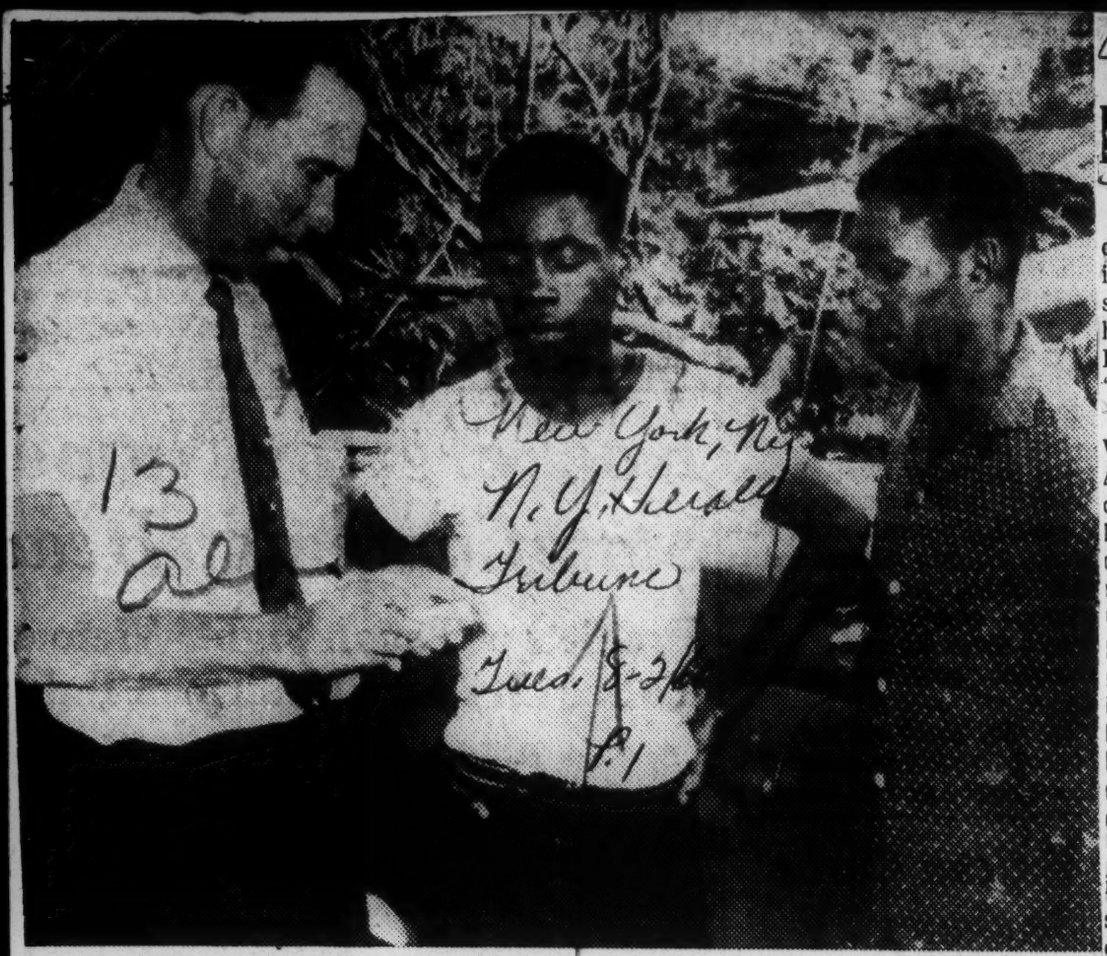
"pretty well knew" the identity of two of Jones' assailants, and a pickup order has been put out for their arrest.

Jones and his 13-year-old brother, David, were walking Saturday night as they entered home from the service station. Jones was tied to a tree in neighboring Coosa County and flogged with belts and ropes. His brother was unharmed.

Sheriff C. P. Walker said he knew man had bought gasoline once or twice.



Herald Tribune—UPI

ABDUCTION VICTIMS—In Harpersville, Ala., Shelby County sheriff C. P. Walker (left) talks with Henry Lewis Jones, nineteen, a service station attendant, and his younger brother David, thirteen, after they were abducted by six white men and Henry was flogged.

Attempted Bribe Of Officer Nets Negro $200 Fine, Term

A Negro who offered an officer $200 not to arrest him on a whisky charge was sentenced to three months of hard labor Friday for attempted bribery.

Judge D. Eugene Loe imposed the sentence on Frank Stokes, 1750 N. Decatur St., who offered the bribe money to officer A. E. Bland, who said he found Stokes in possession of five gallons of moonshine.

Stokes was also fined $100 and costs on the whisky count.

In another bribery attempt case in Recorder's Court, Rufus Orum, 1503 Rubin St., was fined $100 and costs for offering money to police to have a traffic ticket fixed.

FOUR FINED

Four other persons were found guilty of having moonshine. Willie Hall, Hunter Station, was fined $100 and costs. James Baldwin, 2115 W. Fifth St., was fined $75 and costs and Lee Frank Ellis, 927 Clayton Alley, and Alene W Jackson, 1610 Aaron St., were each fined $50 and costs.

In assault and battery cases, Felix Webb, 939 Adams St., was fined $50 and costs and Willie Pearl Ross, 1625 N. Decatur St., Clement Oliver, 2366 Juliette St., and Ulysses Johnson, 1647 Moses St., were each fined $25 and costs.

A Mulberry man was fined $25 and costs for disorderly conduct. $5 and costs for refusing to obey an officer and $5 and costs for running a red light. The defendant, T. D. Lammon, allegedly cursed out officers who told him to move on when he double parked his car on Commerce street.

Fined $25 and costs each for having concealed weapons were Minnie Lee Smith, 760 Travis St., and Ben Williams, 1602 Foster St.

Charles Collins was sentenced to 30 days for vagrancy.

4 Negroes Fined For Using Poison To Catch Creek Fish

Four Negroes were fined Monday for using poison to catch fish in Catoma Creek, a practice described by Charles D. Kelley, head of the State Game and Fresh Water Fish Division as "extremely dangerous."

Kelly said Tom Gholsby, 30, Willie Goshton, 30, and Sidney Allen, 30, were fined $200 and costs, the maximum fine, by R. B. Glass, a Snowdoun justice of the peace. Ceasal Jones, 17, received the minimum fine, $50.

Kelley said the men used a cotton poisonto kill the fish. The state official said the poison, chlorinated hydrocarbon, is extremely dangerous and accumulatss in the body. He said the men indicated that they had poisoned fish before for eating.

Kelley warned that the poson is likely to be carried down stream for hundreds of yards or even for miles. The effect of the poisoning may be felt for years. The poison kills tiny organisms and other forms of life at the bottome of the streams. This creates a "desert" on the floor of the stream, leaving nothing for fish to eat.

Cattle in the area have been moved from the creek area and pinned to prevent losses that have plagued the area for years. One landowner reported that he lost as many es 30 head of cattle in a single day following a similar incident some years ago.

Kelly said poisoning of streams has been a problem in recent years but that crackdowns by Fish and Game officers have brought the problem under control.

Indecent Calls To 3 Women Net Negro Hard Labor Term

A Negro youth accused of making indecent telephone calls to three white women was given hard labor sentences totaling over nine months Monday.

Thomas Ballard Jr., 440 Hall St., was sentenced to 90 days on each of three disorderly conduct charges and was sentenced to 20 days and fined $25 and costs for resisting arrest.

The white women testified before Recorder's Court Judge Ben S. Hardeman that the indecent calls had been going on since "before last Christmas." One of them, an expectant mother, said Ballard urged her to "leave here and go up north with me."

The pregnant woman said that during one conversation, she agreed to meet the caller at Martha and Whitman streets. When she went there, she said, Ballard walked by.

The women all identified Ballard's voice as did Detective L. A. Reynolds, who listened in on some of the conversations.

Police had been trying to apprehend the anonymous caller for several months.

During the last conversation between the Negro and the women, Reynolds went to Ballard's house and said the suspect hung up the phone just as he arrived. During questioning, Reynolds, said, Ballard told him the women's telephone number from memory.

En route to headquarters, Ballard jumped out of the police car and ran. He was caught at Cramton Bowl by Detective Grady Arnette, who said he had to use force to subdue him.

The slender, 19-year-old defendant, who was employed at a white barber shop, pleaded innocent to all charges but admitted that he made one telephone call to the residence of the white women.

He claimed that another Negro man gave him the number, saying a woman wanted to get in contact with him. He placed the call, he said, but hung up after he realized he was talking to a white woman.

Ballard denied that he attempted to escape and charged he was beaten by officers at headquarters.

Two appeal stink bomb convictions

Bham News Bham, Ala. July 7 1960

Recorder's Court Judge William Conway last night found two men guilty of throwing stink bombs into two downtown theaters.

Jack L. Borders, 36, of Adamsville Rt. 2, and Julian C. Harper, 42, of 1620 Pearson-av, sw, each received sentences of 180 days in jail and $100 fines. They were immediately released on $300 appeal bonds.

Borders and Harper were arrested early Thursday in the 200 block of 17th-st, n, and accused of throwing "foul smelling liquids" into the Alabama Theater and Ritz Theater.

H. Cecil McGlohon, local manager of Wilby-Kincy, theater chain which operates the two theaters, said Borders was employed as a stage hand at the Alabama Theater at the time of the incidents. Harper, he said, worked there at one time as a part-time relief worker.

Preston Cartledge, manager of Dixie Creame Do-Nuts Shop, testified he saw the defendants approaching the rear of the Alabama Theater early Thursday carrying paper sacks. About 10 minutes later, he said, he saw them descending steps in the rear of the theater. A top of a jar was protruding from one of the sacks as they walked within 15 feet of Cartledge, he testified.

CARTLEDGE told the court he followed the men in his car to Second-av, and 18th-st, n, where he saw them walking toward the Ritz Theater. Cartledge said he left to get police.

When he returned minutes later with Lt. E. E. Loveless, he stated the defendants were standing near a trash can at Third-av, and 17th-st, n.

Two pickle bottles wrapped in paper sacks were found in the trash can, Loveless said. One bottle contained a small amount of foul smelling liquid.

At the time of arrest, stated Officer E. C. Von Riestenberg, the men "reeked" with the odor found in the bottles and in the theaters. Borders was treated at Hillman emergency for a burn caused by the liquid, the officer said.

DAMAGE TO THE ticket office amount to $295, McGlohon said, and "considerable expense" was used to remove the odor at the Alabama Theater.

Detective C. L. Pierce said Borders stated during questioning that he and Harper entered the Alabama Theater through a fire escape door which he opened with a key.

Borders maintained, the detective said, that he and Harper had gone to the theater to search for $20 he had lost. While they searched, Pierce quoted him as saying, a man entered the fire escape door and threw the stink bomb.

Pierce said a motive for the incidents was not established.

Negro Jazz Show Ends In Shooting

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BIRMINGHAM (AP) — A rock and roll show for Negroes broke up at Municipal Auditorium Sunday night when a spectator wounded three persons with a pistol.

Police said about 2,300 persons were in the auditorium when the shooting began. Hundreds of spectators rushed toward exits and some doors became jammed.

A number of spectators ran onto the stage where the band continued playing until police stopped the show.

Det. C. B. Golden said Julius Williams, 40, was arrested at the scene and held for questioning.

Golden and officers C. W. Cope and C. R. Boyd, who were at the auditorium when the trouble started, said the shooting took place in an isle near the stage. They said they were told a dispute had developed between illiams and Charles Harris, 21, who was the most seriously wounded.

Golden said Harris received four bullet wounds in the body. He was listed in critical condition at University Hospital Monday.

Golden identified the other wounded as Jessie Mae Jones, 17, in fair condition with one bullet wound in the stomach, and Dorothy Bonner, 16, treated and dismissed for a wound in the toe.

Crowd forms—

Deputies close spot during Negro's show

Bham News Bham, Ala. 7/15/60

BESSEMER, Ala., July 15— Sheriff's deputies closed a teenage entertainment spot near here last night while a show by a Negro disc jockey was in progress.

That action by the deputes was taken after a large crowd of white persons formed outside Don's Teen Town on old Tuscaloosa-hwy.

The Negro entertainer, Shelly Stewart, called "The Playboy," said his car was stoned as he was leaving the spot where he said he had been invited to entertain the white teenagers.

Stewart said he had played at the place before without incident. A disc jockey for Radio Station WENN, he said "I will never play before a live white audience again."

SHELLY STEWART
. . . Show stopped

STEWART SAID that although he had received threatening calls at his home last night, numerous white persons had phoned him today to express regret over the incident.

Stewart said he stopped his show when the doorman, Ray Mahoney, 25, of 1572 Druid Hills-dr, told him that a crowd was forming outside.

Stewart said he then left while the teen-agers were protesting the interruption.

Mahoney, who was unavailable for comment today, was arrested last night on a breach of peace charge. He was released from County Jail after posting $300 bond.

Negro Ex-Con Faces Trial In Beating

Montgomery Advertiser Montgomery, Ala.

UNION SPRINGS (AP) — A 32-year-old Negro ex-convict, Walter Lee McCoy of Birmingham, faces trial here Aug. 1 in the robbery-beating of an elderly white man.

Circuit Solicitor Seymore Trammell said the Bullock County Grand Jury indicted McCoy for robbery, a capital offense in Alabama, after he admitted the June 21 attack on Dan Smith of near Union Springs.

The 70-year-old retired farmer, still hospitalized with critical head injuries, was beaten in his bed shortly after dawn. His wrist watch was taken.

Trammell said the Negro, paroled two days earlier after serving a prison term for attempted murder, signed a statement admitting that he beat Smith "until he didn't move anymore."

Investigators found Smith's wrist watch in underbrush near the house.

Cabbie Jailed For Beating, Leaving Woman In Woods

Montgomery Advertiser P. 2

Montgomery, Ala.

WETUMPKA — A Montgomery cab driver has been charged with beating a 53-year-old housewife and leaving her to wander in Elmore County woods for two nights and a day.

Held without bond in Elmore County Jail on an assault with intent to murder charge Tuesday was Henry Blackwell, 41, of 417 Sayre St.

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Blackwell was arrested in Montgomery Sunday after he was identified by Mrs. Thelma Cheek, 132 Gordon St., as the man who attacked her last Thursday night.

Mrs. Cheek, severely beaten over much of her body, her clothing torn by the brush, stumbled from the woods in northeastern Elmore near State Highway 63 Saturday morning, Sheriff Lester Holley said.

She was found by passersby and brought to Wetumpka.

Mrs. Cheek told Montgomery detectives she met a man—whom she later identified as Blackwell in a Montgomery cafe Thursday night.

The man took her to a secluded spot in Elmore County and made improper advances, she said. When she resisted, Mrs. Cheek said the man beat her with a stick and left her in the woods.

Lost, she wandered in the woods, drinking from small streams, until she was found Saturday, Mrs. Cheek said.

"I don't see how she lived," the sheriff said. "Her body from the hips to her feet were bloodshot and the skin was broken in some places."

Blackwell admitted taking Mrs. Cheek to Elmore County but denied improper conduct or beating her, Holley said.

Deputy Shot In Effort to Arrest Negro

The Birmingham News

Mobile, Ala.

MOBILE, Ala., July 20 (AP)—A deputy was shot and critically wounded today by a Negro seaman he sought to take into custody for a mental examination.

A city policeman was slightly injured during a following gun battle after the Negro barricaded himself in a front room of his home on Mobile's south side.

Three other persons were injured in two separate traffic accidents which occurred while police were speeding to the scene in answer to a general alarm.

H. C. Hall, 53, a former chief deputy and now conveyance officer, was shot in the head as he tried to take the Negro, Champion Lee, into custody. Patrolman Vincent Richardson was injured slightly in diving out of the line of fire.

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Police said Hall and a city policeman, Sam McLardy, went to Lee's home with a court order to pick up the man as a mental patient.

When other officers arrived, they fired four tear gas shells into the house. Lee was forced into the yard where he was subdued.

King Claims Jail Beating By Prisoners

Montgomery, Ala.

A theology student who attempted to integrate the coffee shop of a local hotel has told the FBI he was beaten by two prisoners in a cell he shared with them in the Montgomery County Jail.

The FBI in Washington said it knew of the incident because the Rev. Ralph Edwin King, 22, a theology student at Boston University, reported the incident to

the FBI office in Montgomery. However, no formal complaint has been filed, the FBI said.

King, in a story by United Press International, said he was hit, kicked, knocked down, stepped on and slapped around while spending the night in the jail. He charged that the guards knew about it but did nothing.

Sheriff Mac Sim Butler said he interviewed the two prisoners who shared the cell with King the night of July 12, but they denied beating him.

King said the men also forced him to eat a newspaper picture showing him with Elroy Embry, the Negro defendant in the hotel incident, and Miss Aneruth Young, also a Negro.

Alabama, The Hague Of The Divorce World

"TINA Divorces Onassis In Alabama"—this headline from a New York newspaper was repeated with only slight variation, over most of the civilized world—a tribute to the prominence of the former Mrs. Aristotle Socrates Onassis and the millionaire shipowner she shed as well as to the fact that Alabama has now become a household word to readers of divorce news the world over.

Mrs. Onassis had first filed a suit for divorce in New York last fall but withdrew the action against the wealthy Greek shipping magnate because friends advised her "New York divorces are so messy." Go to Alabama where residency is a state of mind and severance as painless as writing a check.

The messiness which the beautiful Tina feared involved such little didoes as Aristotle's Mediterranean cruise on his $3,000,000 yacht with opera star Maria Callas; a co-respondent identified in the New York divorce petition only as "J.R." (but later confirmed from her villa in Nice by the co-respondent herself as Mrs. Jeanne Schley Rhinelander, wealthy society divorcee who nevertheless denied the charges of an international affair) and other juicy little items.

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IF THE facts are as reported, Mrs. Onassis went to more bother than most transient litigants to prove her intention to make a home in Alabama. Judge W. G. Lindsey, who granted the divorce in Washington County, said she had established a bank account in Mobile and bought a residential lot on Dauphin Island and thus "met the requirements, in my opinion, under Alabama law."

And she seems to have, despite the transparent subterfuge. For a woman so wealthy, in her right as well as her husband's, this extra window dressing was a paltry outlay, even if she is unable to dispose of the lot. Tina's father, also a wealthy Greek shipper, could probably have bought Washington County if necessary to cinch the fiction.

Although some Alabama judges have set their own ground rules to impede quickies, the weak law is the cause of it all. Under it anyone who gets off train or plane and says, yep, Alabama is much nicer than Paris or Nice as a permanent home—that citizen has just about completed the requirements of residency for divorce purposes.

The opposition to changing the law is great, for the obvious reason that lawyers in this import-export business have a good racket and they know it. But for some years now Alabama has been earning the reputation as a collard belt Reno, where there may not be any dancing girls and the lights are not as bright, but jettison rates are cheaper.

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BETWEEN our Negro insurrectionists and hard-eyed kluxers we've had enough bad publicity in recent years to hold for awhile without getting involved in foreign disentanglements. If the legislature refuses to close the mills, won't it at least adopt ground rules limiting jurisdiction to the 50 states? After all, that includes Hawaii, Alaska and the Aleutian chain.

Which suggests a course to the Russian who was reported last week seeking a New York divorce against the wife who left him for this country sometime after the war. Legal authorities in New York say there is no precedent for the action, which involves all kind of international questions not yet settled between this country and Russia.

Pshaw, that's no problem. Tell the comrade to take the next boat across the Bering Sea to Attu. That's U.S. soil a few miles from the Soviet Union, but well within the province of Alabama courts if he says when he arrives that he's on his way to his new home (for 24 hours) in dear old Alabama.

Negro Disc Jockey Stoned In Bessemer, Ala.

Bessemer, Ala. — Shelby "The Playboy" Stewart, Negro disc jockey on local radio station WENN for the past seven years, last week vowed never to appear before a white audience again after he was abused and stoned at Don's Teen Town, a white teen-age "hangout" near here.

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The bouncer was identified as Ray Mahoney, 25. He was jailed in Birmingham on a charge of breach of peace. He was later released on $300 bond.

Following Mahoney's interruption deputies from Bessemer Cutoff, upon learning of the incident at Teen Town, closed the show while it was in progress. The deputies were led by Bessemer Cutoff Deputy Helton, who refused to comment on the incident upon advice from his superior.

Stewart, who also reported received some threatening telephone calls, stated bitterly:

"They don't have to worry about me playing for a white audience again. I'll never appear before a white audience as long as I am a disc jockey."

Montgomery Leader Charged With Sales Tax Non-Payment

MONTGOMERY — (ANP) — A Montgomery civil rights leader was charged last week with failing to pay $23.36 in city sales tax.

City officials said Rufus A. Lewis paid the money after a warrant was issued, but still faces arraignment in Recorder's Court on the charge. No hearing date has been set.

Lewis, a funeral home operator is chairman of the voting and registration committee of the Montgomery Improvement Association. His committee encourages Negroes to seek voting privileges.

Lewis was not arrested nor required to post bond on the charge. It carries a maximum penalty of $100 fine.

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16 Negroes Fined After Near-Riot

Montgomery Advertiser

Sixteen Negroes accused of taking part in a near-riot at a tavern were assessed fines and costs totaling over $800 Monday.

The charges grew out of an attempt by police early Saturday to break up a jeering crowd of Negroes at the Little Hut on South Holt street.

In testimony before Recorder's Court Judge D. Eugene Loe, police described the incident as one of extreme disorder at which a dangerous tension was building up. The threatening crowd gathered around the police after one of the Negroes was arrested on a drunk charge.

Drawing the stiffest fines was Joe Brown, 837 Erskine St. He was fined $100 and costs for disorderly conduct, $50 and costs for resisting arrest and $10 and costs for interfering with arrest.

He was struck on the head during the affray.

Jeanette Percival, 764 Nash St., and Juliette Knight, 508 Pike St., were each fined $100 and costs for disorderly conduct and the Percival woman was also fined $25 and costs for resisting arrest.

Another woman, Marie Henderson, 727 Day St., was fined $50 and costs for disorderly conduct.

All of the other defendants were fined $25 and costs for disorderly conduct. They were listed as Richard Logan, no address listed; Lucius Manual, 1563 Vine St.; Mattie Percival, 531 Grove St.; Joe Louis Brown, no address listed; Sherman Day, 504 S. Holt St.; L. A. Patterson, 623 Grady St.; Cloud Watley, 724 Day St.; Ruth Patterson, 623 Grady St.; Jonathan Jones, 500 S. Holt St.; James Lynn, 707 Travis St.; and Arthur Lee Hilson and Suzon Hilson, both of 1211 Payne St.

Following the hearing, all appealed their fines to Circuit Court except Jonathan Jones, Richard Logan, Lucius Manual, Mattie Percival, Joe Louis Brown and Sherman Day.

Two other Negroes who were arrested at the tavern were cited to appear in court Monday but failed to show up. Judge Loe ordered conditional forfeitures taken on the bonds of David Mahoney and George Mahoney.

Negro Group Jailed In Brawl With Police

Birmingham Ala. News

MONTGOMERY, July 31 (UPI)—A cursing Negro group was jailed after police failed to smash a drinking brawl at a Negro tavern.

The Negroes taunted the arresting officers with jeers and catcalls of "white trash" after police arrived at the night club.

Sgt. R. D. Moody said it was the "worst case of disorderly conduct" he had seen during his many years on the force. He praised patrolmen who answered the call for "holding back their feelings" while being cursed.

The first officers who arrived on the scene had to call for help before the group was rounded up and placed in the patrol wagon.

Moody said the Negroes were drinking and had been fighting prior to the arrival of the first squad car.

A Negro woman grabbed Officer W. E. Nixon by the throat and tore off the front of his shirt. A few seconds later a Negro man jumped on Nixon's back.

Nixon managed to break away from the pair and suffered only scratches on his face, Moody said. At that point, police radioed for reinforcements.

The tavern was ordered closed and a recommendation will be made to the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to padlock the establishment.

Arrest Made in Flogging Case

The Pittsburgh Courier

COLUMBIA, Ala.—Emmett V. Leverette, 42, of neighboring Talladega County, a white man, was arrested as a suspect in the flogging by six white men of Henry Lewis Jones, 20, of Harpersville.

Jones has been working for the past two years as a gas attendant in his home town in Shelby County.

A second unnamed white man, who apparently has left the area, is being sought and a warrant for his arrest has been sworn out by Sheriff C. P. Walker.

Jones told police that he and his brother, David, 13, were pushed into a car by the men and abducted as they walked into the yard of their home from a service station where Henry works.

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JONES SAID the men apparently became angered because he sold them gasoline and filled out their credit car form for the car fuel.

The six white men, without uttering a word, carried Jones and his brother to neighboring Conasa County and tied Henry to a tree and beat him with belts and knotted ropes. Jones' younger brother was not harmed.

When they had finished beating Jones, the men cut him down and warned him to give them time to make their getaway.

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A GRAND JURY in Shelby County, where the offense began, started hearing evidence in the case earlier on Tuesday, Aug. 1, before any arrests had been made. No action has been started by Conasa County. The Shelby County grand jury was to make its report later the same week.

Clarence Kelley, in charge the FBI office at Birmingham, said that apparently no Federal violation was involved and that the case definitely did not fall within the Lindbergh kidnap law. He noted also that no masks were worn.

Jones' employer, C. B. Miller, was indignant over the attack. He said he will do everything he can to bring about arrests and prosecution for the beating.

SOUTHERN HATE VICTIMS—Henry Jones, 20, right, a service station attendant in Harpersville, Ala., and his 13-year-old brother, David, were abducted by two carloads of white men, taken to an abandoned farm where Henry was tied to a tree and lashed with belts and knotted ropes. The younger brother was not harmed.—Wide World Photo.

Negro Leader Faces Charges

Montgomery Advertiser

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Sales tax authorities said Lewis was charged as president of the Citizens Club, a Negro social group which was four months delinquent in paying the sales tax on its food and liquor sales.

Lewis was not arrested nor required to post bond on the charge. It carries a maximum penalty of $100 fine.

Crash Kills Boy Suspect In Bomb Try

Montgomery Advertiser

GADSDEN (AP)—A teen-ager facing two counts of assault with attempt to murder in an attempt to bomb a synagogue here last March was killed Tuesday in an automobile crash.

Jerry Hunt, 17, was killed when the car he was driving crashed into a tree in front of a junior high school in nearby Attalla.

Etowah County Coroner Noble Yocum said witnesses told him the boy was speeding back and forth in front of the school, firing a shot gun out of a window as he drove.

The accident happened about 3:45 p.m. The youth was pronounced dead on arrival at a hospital.

CLAD IN FATIGUES

Jerry, who said he read all he could find about Naziism at the time he was charged in the synagogue incident, was clad in old Army fatigue clothes when he was removed from the wreckage.

He was 16 at the time of the synagogue incident March 25.

Jerry had been free on bond pending appearance before a grand jury early in September.

The boy admitted to police that he threw a fire bomb made from a soft drink bottle filled with gasoline. The bottle struck a stained glass window of the Beth Israel Reform Synagogue and burst into flames but failed to break through the wire mesh in the glass and fell to the ground.

When two members of the congregation rushed out into the darkness to investigate, they ran into a spray of rifle bullets. They were wounded, but recovered.

Northside Teen-Ager Charges He Was Attacked By Whites

By MARCEL HOPSON

A Northside teen-age youngster, James Thomas, 17, of 448 North 2nd Street, swore out assault charges against two unidentified white men and a white woman who he reported attacked him with a pistol from an automobile and forced him to injure himself in an escape here, last week-end, police said.

SHOT AT FROM CAR

Investigators said that when Thomas attempted to escape the assault, he ran and tried to jump over a wrought-iron fence, missed and caused three sharp iron prongs to stab him in his thighs and in the lower center part of his body.

Officers B. Watkins and W. D. Nelson quoted Thomas as saying that he was walking in front of 404 North Graymont Avenue, around 3:45 p. m., Friday, August 5, when the 1956 model car drove up with the men and woman and stopped near him.

Thomas said one of the men pointed a .22 calibre pistol out of the car's window and pulled the trigger three times, with the first two efforts mis-firing and the third shot being good. On the third shot, Thomas said he ran, jumped and fell on the fence prongs, injuring himself.

Negro Cleric Ruled Guilty In Accident

A Chicago Negro minister was fined $25 and costs here Tuesday in connection with an accident which injured a Montgomery couple.

The Rev. Lundy M. Relf was found guilty of running a red light, resulting in the crash Sunday at the interesection of Dalraida road and Ware's Ferry road.

Relf pleaded not guilty when he was arraigned before Recorder's Court Judge Ben S. Hardeman. But witnesses said he proceeded west from Ware's Ferry road into the intersection against a red light.

The Negro minister's automobile smashed into one occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Dock Cash, 3508 Pelzer Ave. Cash and his wife were both injured.

Letters, articles found—

Negro mail handler faces theft charge

BY TOM LANKFORD, News staff writer

A veteran mail handler with a taste for expensive items was arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Louise O. Charlton late yesterday on a mail theft charge.

Howard C. Smedley, 47, 312 First-av. n, was placed under $1000 bond pending action of the U. S. District Court.

City Detective D. A. Cheatwood and Postal Inspector H. W. Egerton said merchandise of undetermined value and sacks of mail were found in the Negro's car and at his residence.

Police said confiscated mail had contained such items as money, savings stamps, candy, and jewelry. One brooch was valued at about $400, they added.

Other merchandise found included watches, magazines, scissors, good luck charms, and staplers.

Cheatwood said apparently all of the loot, including about 1000 pieces of mail, was of monetary value.

SMEDLEY AN employe of the Birmingham Postoffice for 12 years, was arrested by police while parked in front of a suspected lottery house on the West side.

Officers J. L. Cousins and D. L. Latta said they searched the Negro's car, thinking he was connected with the lottery rackets.

After the officers found a box partly filled with watch parts with the label scratched off the side, they carried Smedley to City Hall.

There the suspect told Cheatwood he had been taking mail for approximately three months. The detective said, however, some of the mail was postmarked last January.

CHEATWOOD AND EGERTON said Smedley concealed most of the stolen goods in two cars. Silverware and other items were found at his home, they added.

Postal authorities said they were investigating today the source of the stolen goods. The method and extent of the mail theft has not been determined, according to Egerton.

The accused postal employe entered a guilty plea yesterday and waived Grand Jury indictment.

News staff photo—Tom Lankford

STOLEN MAIL IN POSTAL WORKER'S CAR
. . . Detective Cheatwood, Inspector Egerton

AUNT OWED HIM $2

Pike Negro Confesses Setting Fire To House

By JESS JORDAN
Advertiser Correspondent

TROY — A 27-year-old Negro has been arrested on a first degree arson charge in the setting of a fire at his aunt's home near here last Saturday.

Eddie Stuart Jr. has confessed to setting fire to the residence of Sarah Stuart, an aunt, because she owed him $2 and had refused to pay him, according to Chief Deputy Melvin Hooks.

Hooks said Stuart dashed fuel oil from a five-gallon can on the side of the frame house in the Harmony Community five miles north of Troy early Saturday. He then set fire to the oil and fled across a field, leaving the can in a ditch near U.S. 231.

His aunt, her husband, and three children were inside the house when the fire was set. The couple discovered the blaze and extinguished it before serious damage resulted.

CASTS MADE

Plaster casts of footprints near the house matched shoes worn by Stuart who was arrested at the home of a friend Sunday.

Stuart first denied knowledge of the fire but confessed under questioning by state Deputy Fire Marshall Tom Hall.

Hooks said Stuart returned to the scene of the abortive arson attempt while sheriff's officers were there with bloodhounds. After inquiring if the officers were putting out a fire, Stuart left, Hooks said.

Fake Bomb Threat Made To Mansion

A fake bomb threat was telephoned to the executive mansion last Friday night while Gov. John Patterson was in New York.

Public Safety Director Floyd Mann said a mansion guard, J. M. Gauntt, who took the call told officers the voice sounded like that of "an educated Negro."

Although the governor was out of the city on business, his wife and two small children were at the mansion and were roused from their sleep around midnight while Highway Patrolmen and state investigators searched the two-story house. No evidence of any explosive was found.

Gauntt said the caller told him merely that "there's a bomb in the mansion. It's there now," then hung up.

Mann said officers took extra precautions because workmen had been at the mansion earlier in the day fixing the plumbing and plastering.

He said mansion guards were instructed to be especially watchful for anyone who enters and leaves the mansion in the future.

Gang stripped, beat her, says former WAC

BY DAVE LANGFORD
News staff writer

BESSEMER, Ala., April 2 —'About five of them came in the house carrying guns and started slapping me around. The they drug me outside and beat me some more."

This was part of the story told by a 19-year-old former WAC, who reported she was taken from her home about midnight Friday by a group of white men.

Barbara Espy said the men stripped off her clothes and beat her with belts until she signed a "confession" she had been dating Negroes.

Lives with aunt

MISS ESPY, WHO IS living with her hunt in Alliance community, said a group of armed men entered the house and carried her off blindfolded and in handcuffs.

They held me down on the floorboard with a gun in my back," she said.

"I guess I must have been in the car nearly two hours.

"Then they stopped and carried me behind the car. One ripped my shirt down the back while another pulled down my blue jeans. That's when they used the belt."

Officers of the sheriff's office stopped the car carrying Barbara, a 1959 white Buick, on the Alliance-Maxine road about a mile north of Alliance.

Pointed guns

NICK BRITTINGHAM, one of Miss Espy's neighbors who was deputized for the search, said two of the men pointed guns at him when the car was stopped.

Special Investigator Walter Dean said the four men in the car were taken into custody, but later released. No arrests had been made late Saturday.

"We're still investigating the case," Dean said. "We don't plan to make any arrests until warrants are issued."

Barbara said two cars, a green Buick and a white Buick carrying about six men each, stopped in front of her house and five men came inside carrying shotguns and chains.

Asked for sister

"THEY ASKED ME where my sister Doris Ann was, but I told them she wasn't home," Barbara said. "But they said 'We want you too.' and started slapping me."

Mrs. Betty Bogue, an aunt who was also home, said one of the men pointed a shotgun at her and said he would kill her if she tried to stop them.

"They shined a flashlight in the room where Doris Ann was sleeping," Mrs. Bogue said, but she wouldn't answer them when they asked her what her name was, and thew wept away and left her alone."

"When they got me in the car they kept on asking me if I had been going out with any Negroes,' Barbara said.

"I told them I hadn't, but they hit me some more and made me sign a paper saying I had."

Had handcuffs

BRITTINGHAM said he was deputized to search for Barbara's abductors, along with Deputies Jay Payne and Andy Vines, who live near Alliance.

Brittingham said the men who had Barbara in the car were armed with pistols and had three sets of handcuffs.

He said the car had a Jefferson County tag.

Chief Deputy Clyde Morris said the four men questioned live in the Bessemer area.

Deputies join

MANNING the night prowl car which joined in the search were Deputies A. B. Bailey and W. L. Allen.

"We had stationed one car at a place in the road we knew they had to pass," Brittingham said. "Another car got behind them and they were trapped."

"At first they put guns on us, but when they saw the sheriff's deputies they dropped them."

Brittingham said he and several other neighbors were alerted to look for the girl by the girl's brother.

Saturday Barbara had several bruises about the face, but said she had not been treated by a doctor.

Negro Asks Mercy In Death Sentence

MONTGOMERY, April 18 (UPI)—Birmingham's Negro Charles C. Hamilton, sentenced to die Friday night-time burglary, asked for mercy today.

The 29-year-old Hamilton told Gov. John Patterson he was innocent of breaking into the home of an elderly Italian woman Oct. 13, 1956, and attempting to rape her.

The Negro, showing no signs of nervousness as he stood at the conference table, looked straight in the governor's eyes and said, I ask for mercy because I did not commit the crime nor did I have any intention of committing the crime. I have a great respect for elderly people. I was too afraid to run because people would think I had stolen something or done something wrong.

Prisoner's Plea

"I ask you for myself, my mother and for my people to show the United States and the world that Alabama still believes in justice."

Patterson took the case under advisement.

Hamilton is scheduled to die in the electric chair at Kilby Prison here shortly after midnight Thursday.

Hamilton's three Negro Attorneys, Peter Hall, Orzell Billingsley and Oscar Adams, told the governor they have asked the U. S. Supreme Court for a stay of execution.

Deputy Solicitor Cecil Deason of Birmingham testified that when Hamilton was first arrested he was charged only with night-time burglary with intent to steal. He said he investigated the case and came to the conclusion that Hamilton also should have been charged with night-time burglary with intent to ravish.

Mother's Plea

The defendant's mother, Eliza Hamilton broke into tears when she stood to ask for mercy for her son. "Oh, governor," she said, "please spare his life. I only have two boys." She sat down abruptly, muffling her sobs in a handkerchief.

Adams said Hamilton "has insisted on his innocence ever since I came into the case. He was trying to obey the law by not running. There was no violence and he did not run away. I think he tried to handle his own defense in court and this inflamed the jury."

The transcript of the trial shows Hamilton was captured in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Cyril Milko. Milko testified he found the Negro in his mother's bedroom without his shoes or pants on.

Hamilton testified he heard Mrs. Mary Giangrosso, "hollering" for help and he went to her aid.

No warrants signed yet in 'terror ride'

BESSEMER, Ala., April 4—Criminal Investigator Walter Dean of the Bessemer sheriff's office said today that arrests in the reported beating of 19-year-old Barbara Espy will be made when warrants are sworn out.

The young Alliance woman said that five men Friday night stripped off her clothes and beat her with belts until she signed a "confession" she had been dating Negroes.

In answer to numerous questions as to why no arrests have been made, Dean released the following statement.

"AFTER IT WAS reported to the sheriff's office in Bessemer by J. B. Vines that the victim would not be in the sheriff's office today to sign warrants, Assistant Sheriff Clyde Morris and I went to the home of Barbara Espy and Mrs. Betty Lane Bogue today to question them.

"They said they would not be in today to sign warrants, but that they may come to the sheriff's office tomorrow to swear out warrants.

"We pointed out that the failure thus far to sign warrants is the reason that suspects have not been taken into custody and charged. As past experience proved, we sometimes find ourselves with people in jail and victims changing their minds, and on the date of trial, not willing to prosecute.

"The sheriff's office will continue investigation into this case to its completion, and, upon advice from the solicitor, will effect arrests and prosecution when warrants are sworn out."

Circuit Solicitor Howard Sullinger was not available for comment. His office said he was out of town and is not expected back before tomorrow afternoon.

MISS ESPY, 19, complained to sheriff's officers Saturday that a gang of men accused her of dating Negroes and stripped off her clothes and beat her.

MISS ESPY WAS FOUND by sheriff's deputies in the car with four armed men about 2 a.m. Saturday.

She told officers the men had forced their way into her home shortly after midnight and carried her off in the car.

In Train Collision—

Negro Bus Driver Gets Probation

CAMDEN, April 19 (UPI)—Negro David Jackson lost his driver's license and was placed on a year's probation as a result of a train-school bus collision which took six lives at Coy March 22.

Jackson, 20, was the driver of a bus which was on its way to a Negro high school here at the time of the accident. He pleaded guilty Monday in circuit court to second degree manslaughter.

Solicitor Blanchard McLeod said Jackson was fined $500 and sentenced to a year in jail, but both sentence and fine were suspended.

Jackson's driver's license was revoked automatically when he was placed on probation and he cannot apply again until his probationary sentence ends.

A Frisco freight train sliced across the bus at an intersection near Coy, about 17 miles southwest of here, and killed five Negro teenagers instantly. Another died en route to a hospital and three more were hurt seriously.

Jackson claimed the brakes on the 10-year-old bus failed and he tried to beat the train to the intersection.

Negro Shot By Patrolman In Scuffle

CLANTON (AP)—Highway Patrolman Byron Prescott shot and wounded a 47-year-old Negro Sunday after the former mental patient pulled a knife on him during a struggle.

Spokesmen at a hospital here said the neck wound received by Connor Johnson of near Clanton was not believed serious. The bullet passed through his neck.

Highway Patrol Chief Joe Smelley said Prescott managed to draw his pistol and fire after three separate scuffles in the course of trying to get Johnson in a squad car and take him home.

The wounded man's brother, Walter Johnson, notified authorities after discovering that the former mental patient had wandered away from their home.

Arriving at the scene first, Smelley said, Prescott found Johnson walking along a rural road five miles west of here. The Negro refused to get in the car, he said, and the struggle

ensued.

Walter Johnson corroborated the officers' account of the incident, as did a white passerby, T. W. Downing of Clanton.

No Charge Filed

Negro Youth Held In Dallas Beating

SAFFORD, May 4 (AP) — Dallas County officers are questioning a young Negro in the beating of a well known white woman here.

Sheriff Jim Clarke said the youth, who was not identified, was taken into custody near the woman's house following the reported attack Tuesday night.

Clarke said Mrs. Graham Howard Jr., 38, was admitted to a hospital in serious condition. He said she had been beaten with a sharp instrument in front of her house as she got out of her car.

Clarke quoted Mrs. Howard as saying a Negro man asked her for a match and attacked her when she said she had none.

The youth was being held in Dallas County jail without charge pending further investigation.

Possession Of Shotgun Charged To 6

Six Negro teen-agers were arraigned yesterday before U. S. Commissioner Louise Charlton on charges of possessing a sawed-off shotgun.

The six new cases brought to 10 the number of persons arrested in the past week charged with possession of the illegal weapons.

Five of the youth pleaded guilty to the charge at the arraignment yesterday. They were Ralph Pritchett, 17, 439 Ridge-av; Willie Lee Hagler, 16, 222 Parkway; Rufus Chambers, 18, 417 Pine-av; Melvin Matthews, 16, 437 Parkway, all of Westfield, and John Hamilton, 18, of 1819 12th-av, Bessemer.

Donald Bodley, 16, 522 Oak-av, Westfield ,entered a plea of not guilty.

All six were placed under $1000 bond and confined to the county jail.

Negro Released In Beating Case

SELMA (AP) — A Negro ma questioned in the beating of Safford, Ala., white woman Tues day night has been released fro Dallas County Jail here.

Sheriff Jim Clarke said author ties are convinced the man ha no connection with the beatin of Mrs. Graham Howard Jr., 3 in front of her house.

Mrs. Howard remained in fa conditioned at a Selma hospit She told officers a young Neg man beat her on the head wi a sharp instrument when she to him she had no matches.

Negro sought in FBI case on narcotics

A 35-year-old Negro is being sought by federal authorities in connection with supplying narcotics in Mobile.

Eugene Walker, described as being about six feet one, and weighing 200 pounds, escaped capture when an accomplice was arrested last week.

E. R. Barber, federal narcotics investigator, said Fred L. Sigler, Negro, 22, was arrested last week during a sale of $600 worth of cocaine to the investigator.

EARLIER, SIGLER HAD sold Barber $100 worth of the drug. Assisting in the arrest was Det. James W. Smith of the Mobile police.

Birmingham Detectives C. L. Limbaugh and J. W. Jones gave Barber the first clues on the racket after they arrested a man here on drug charges.

Critically-Wounded Negro Asks That Wife Who Shot Him Be Free To Tend Tots

A Negro woman who shot her husband Sunday had not been arrested Monday because the critically-wounded man asked that she be left free to look after their small children.

Robert Miller of the Stemley Bridge area is in Citizens Hospital with a pistol bullet wound in the chest and Sheriff Luke Brewer has a signed statement from Etta Lee Miller that she shot him early Sunday morning.

"But Miller told us not to go get her," the sheriff said. "He said he wanted her to look after the children."

The sheriff said the woman told him that she and her husband had been quarreling for a week and that Sunday he threatened her with a chair.

She told the officer that she went into an adjoining room, got a .32 pistol from under a mattress and shot Miller one time, the bullet striking him in the left chest.

"We went out and got her statement," the sheriff said. "I suppose what happens now will depend on whether Miller lives. He was in critical condition Sunday."

After the shooting, the sheriff said, the woman went and told a neighbor what she had done. He called the amublance that brought the wounded man to the hospital here.

Negro Held On Extortion Charge

DOTHAN (AP)—A Negro high school student was charged Tuesday with threatening an insurance man whose company carried a policy on stolen bank stock.

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Man Arrested In Beating Of Woman Pickup

MONTGOMERY (UPI)—Henry Blackwell was charged with assault with intent to murder Tuesday after a woman accused him of beating her and leaving her to wander in the hills of Elmore County for two days.

Elmore County Sheriff Lester Holly said Thelma Cheek was found Saturday morning after the alleged attack. He said the woman "was the worst beaten person I have ever seen. I don't see how she lived."

The woman told police Blackwell, a former cab driver, picked her up at a cafe here Thursday night and carried her to a secluded wooded area in eastern Elmore County.

She said the man made improper advances and when she resisted, he beat her with a stick. She told officers he then drove away, leaving her alone in the woods.

The woman said she wandered without anything to eat, drinking water from creeks until she reached a highway early Saturday.

Officers said Blackwell admitted taking the woman to Elmore County but denied beating her or making improper advances.

White Man Fined $100 For Striking Negro

A white man who struck a Negro in a hassle over a parking space was fined $100 and costs in Recorder's Court Wednesday.

Judge D. Eugene Loe levied the fine against Cecil Harris, 498 Clanton Ave., who said he was an engineer for the Grove Court Apartments.

The incident took place about noon Saturday at Cloverdale Shopping Center.

C. J. Williams Jr., the Negro, said when a car backed out of a parking space, he drove in. Harris then came up to his car, he testified, and cursed him and "busted me in the face."

Harris admitted striking the Negro but said that Williams "knew I was waiting for that place."

He also alleged that Williams cursed him and that later, he threw a potted plant at him.

A white witness who said he did not know either party backed up Williams' account of the incident. After hitting Williams, he said, Harris jumped back in his car and drove off.

White people nearby took down the license number of Harris' car and he was later arrested for assault and battery.

Theft Of Checks Nets Terms For 4 Montgomery Negroes

Four Montgomery Negro youths pleaded guilty and were sentenced in U.S. District Court here on charges of stealing government checks from the U.S. mail, altering the checks, forging the name of the payee and cashing the checks.

Two boys, 13 and 14 years old, were sentenced to two years confinement under the Federal Juvenile Delinquency Act. They were charged with stealing $9.20 $106, $24 and $28 checks from an uncle of one of the boys.

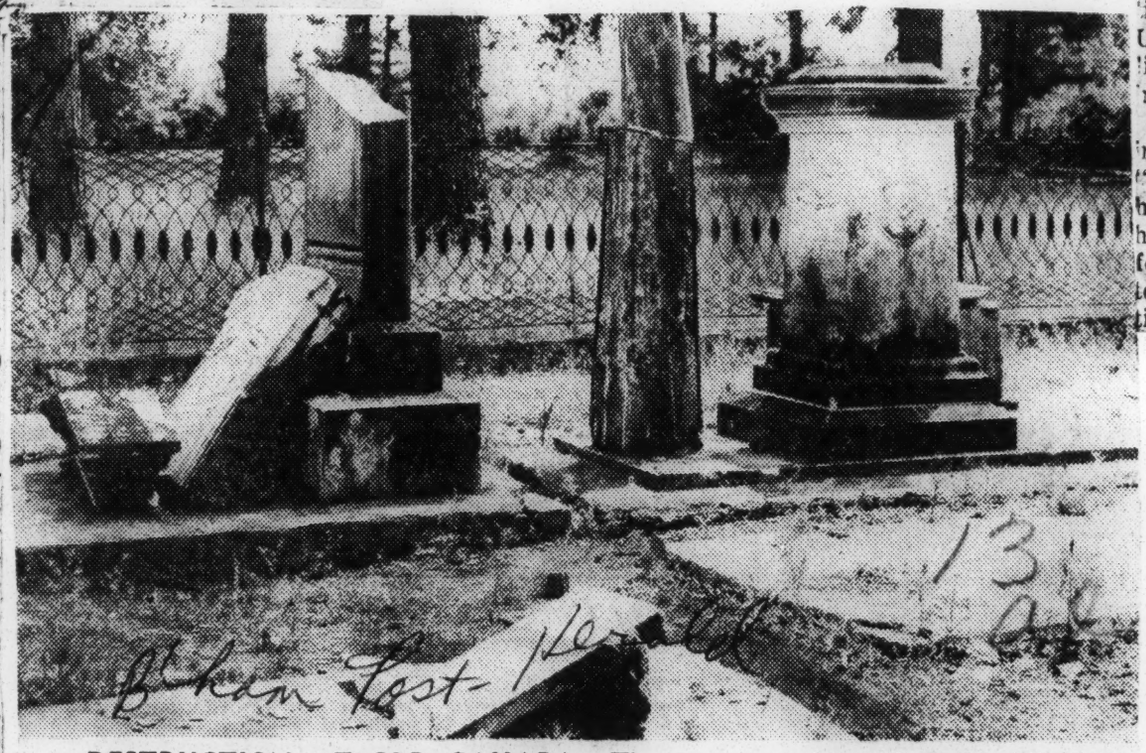
They altered the $9.20 check to read $79.20 before cashing it. Before sentencing the pair, Judge Frank M. Johnson Jr. noted that the boys had been convicted a number of times in state courts for burglary and placed on probation. The mothers of the defendants appeared in court with them.

James Goldsmith, 18, 3427 Clearview St., and Nathaniel Jones, 20, 2319 Roosevelt St., pleaded guilty to four counts of theft of checks from the mail and forging, altering and cashing the checks. They were sentenced to indefinite periods of confinement under the National Youth Corrections Act.

Johnson said he would ask that the confinement for the two be for at least 18 months.

A 23 year-old Lanett youth, Virlyn Marvin Richardson, had his probation revoked. He entered a guilty plea on a two-count indictment charging theft of mail and forgery Oct. 6, 1959 at Opelika and was placed on three years probation.

On March 2, 1960, Richardson was found guilty in Lanett's Recorder's Court of driving while intoxicated and was fined $100 and costs. Later in the month, he was fined $50 and costs on a conviction for reckless driving. He was sentenced to an indefinite stay in a federal correctional institution



DESTRUCTION AT OLD CAHABA—These are a few of some 15 grave monuments in one of Alabama's oldest cemeteries—at Cahaba, in Dallas County—smashed in the past few days in a wave of vandalism at the site of the state's first capital. Stone in the foreground bore the name of William McNight; (left, rear) Joseph Babcock, born at Leyden, Mass., Aug. 28, 1792, died in Cahaba Feb. 5, 1850; (right, rear) Dr. Enoch G. Ulmer, born in Colleton District, S. C., March 16, 1812, died in Cahaba Nov. 21, 1860. (Photo by Ronald Council).

Airman Held For Montgomery Grand Jury In Protests

MONTGOMERY, Ala. —(ANP)— Fined $100 and costs for assault and battery and $25 and costs for carrying a concealed weapon, last week Henry O. L. Mays of Toledo, Ohio, a member of the Air Force stationed here, has been bound over to the grand jury on charges of assault to murder.

Mays is alleged to have disarmed a white patrolman and shot at him during a sit-down demonstration at the lunch counter of a bus station here March 9.

Negro admits 26 car thefts, police declare

An 18-year-old Negro admitted to city detectives today the theft of 26 automobiles since last November.

Willie C. Mullins of 1141 47th-pl. n, told police he took "a whole heap" of other cars, but couldn't remember where he stole them.

MULLINS WAS QUOTED as telling officers he took the cars for joy rides. He would then either abandon them or wreck the vehicles, officers said.

Police said the cars, mostly old model vehicles, were stolen from the Northside area. The youth said he only took cars where keys had been left in ignition, or where the switch had been left turned on.

Officers said a break in the theft investigtaion came when Arthur James Horn, 22-year-old Negro, address not listed, was arrested in a stolen car.

Horn told police Mullins had turned the car over to him. Mullins was in jail on vagrancy charges at the time of Horn's arrest. Detectives said Mullins readily admitted the car thefts.

BOTH NEGROES were charged with grand larceny, officers said.

Detectives M. H. Cole, L. B. Thompson Jr., J. K. Turner and A. M. Bailey investigated.

Horn, who was out of jail on bond in connection with another car theft charge at the time of his latest arrest, told police he was guilty of aiding Mullins in the theft of two cars.

Negro Arrest Draws Fire

SELMA (Special) — Nineteen white Selma residents have protested the arrest of a 15-year-old Negro youth in connection with the beating of a Safford housewife.

The 19 sent to Probate Judge Bernard Reynolds a petition claiming innocence of the youth whose name hasn't been released by authorities.

Although the boy has confessed attacking Mrs. Smith Howard at her home May 3, the petitioners called the solution to the crime "a mockery to our Justice Department."

The petition expressed confidence that "our city and county will not stoop to tacticism but will uphold the standards of our forebears of justice for all."

Circuit Solicitor Blanchard McLeod said the youth was arrested about 10 days ago while attempting to burglarize a service station near Mrs. Howard's home. Under questioning, the boy, who lives in Selma, admitted attacking the housewife, McLeod said.

The solicitor said he plans to invite the protesting group to "hear the facts" at the courthouse here early next week. He said he will proceed with preparations for a motion to commit the boy to a state mental hospital, an action also protested by the group.

Boys admit thefts—

Purse snatching ring said broken

BY DICK KELSO, News staff writer

A purse snatching operation involving "numerous" offenses apparently was broken here last night with the arrest of three young Negroes, police said.

Detectives said two 14-year-old boys admitted snatching purses from numerous women in recent months on downtown streets. They implicated a 17-year-old youth.

The boys led detectives to spots where they ditched eight purses. Detectives Jack Williams and Jack Walker said some 20 more purses may be recovered.

THE TRIO WAS identified at headquarters by two victims and a witness. Detectives said the 17-year-old, James Arthur Kimble, of 826 Short 15th-st, n, denied the charges.

During questioning the younger boys said they worked in pairs. They would wait in hiding, they said, and run swiftly behind their victims, one on each side. While one shoved the victim, the other snatched the purse.

Detectives said several women were injured by falls during the assaults.

RECENT SNATCHINGS involved two women Monday night, detectives said. Christine Limbaugh of 1820 16th-st, n, reported her purse was snatched as she walked at 17th-st, and Sixth-av, n.

In a parking lot at 17th-st. and Eighth-av, n, detectives said, two boys snatched a purse belonging to Mrs. Burgess W. Wesley of 1820 Forrestdale-blvd, and knocked her down.

"They sounded like wild horses," recalled Mrs. Wesley. "One pulled me a block before he got the purse."

WALKER AND Williams broke the operation after arresting one boy found lying behind bushes near Sixth-av, and 16th-st, n. "We became suspicious because he looked like he was waiting to prey on someone," Walker said.

The Negro boy admitted snatching purses, detectives said, and named two accomplices.

Five purses were recovered from the top of a building at 1601 Eighth-av, n, and three others in the vicinity.

Kimble was jailed on charges of grand larceny by purse snatching. The others were placed in Juvenile Home.

"We feel now that women will be a lot safer on streets in Birmingham," said Williams.

He said purses will be returned to owners as soon as they are checked out by identification on records.

JAMES KIMBLE
. . . Accused in thefts

White Policeman "Justified" In Shooting Negro Suspect

By MARCEL HOPSON

Top police officials ruled as "justifiable assault" the minor shooting of a Fairfield man allegedly by a policeman, last week.

Following treatment of a bullet wound in his right leg, the defendant, Willie James Nelms, 27, of 21-B 38th Street, Fairfield, was placed in jail and booked on charges of "resisting arrest" and "assault", police said.

Police Lt. J. H. Wooley and Sgt. D. E. Ford reported that Nelms was shot allegedly by Officer J. R. Cash, 25, while Nelms was resisting arrest in the street in front of 521 37th Street, Fairfield, around 12:05 a.m., June 21.

Investigators said that Nelms was shot when he reportedly assaulted Officer Cash's partner, Officer P. E. Morris, while Nelms was attempting to escape from an automobile after being stopped for investigation.

WOMAN CUT

A youngster, identified as Gary B. Matthews, 17, of 2227 North 25th Street, was arrested and jailed on an assault with a weapon charge, last week, police said.

Officers C. H. Bailey and F. S. Simpson said that Matthews is charged with allegedly cutting a woman, Mrs. Bernice Bethune, 24, of 2401 North 24th Street, on her left arm with a knife, around 12:30 p.m., June 21. Investigators quoted the victim as saying that, during an argument, Matthews jerked open the door of her home and allegedly cut her.

HIT IN FACE

Mrs. Gladys Speight, 24, of 600 South 62nd Street, was treated at University Hospital for a reported burst nose and blackened eye, last week, police said.

Officer D. H. Boner quoted Mrs Speight as saying that she and another 34-year-old occupant of the house were arguing over a "cigar box" when she was struck in her face with a human fist at her home, around 9:30 p.m., June 20.

HIT IN HEAD

Lloyd Tucker, 31, of 3214 South 5th Avenue, received treatment for a wounded head at a local hospital, last week, police said.

Officers B. M. Hardwick and M. L. Wood quoted Tucker as saying that he and another 23-year-old occupant of the house were fighting at their home, around 9:30 p.m., June 21, when he was struck in his head with a drink bottle.

HIT AND KICKED

Mrs. Doris Carter, 30, of 404 South Delta Street, reported that she planned to swear out assault and battery charges against another 35-year-old occupant of the house, last week-end, police said.

Officer G. W. Moffett quoted Mrs. Carter as saying that she was struck in her face and kicked in her body with fists and feet, while engaged in a fight at her home, around 12:30 a.m., June 23.

ROCK ATTACK

Lawrence Jones, Jr., 38, of 2409 North 41st Ave., reported that he was struck in his head with a rock, during an altercation at his home, around ten p.m., June 22, police said.

Officer J. F. Edmonds quoted Jones as saying that he was spanking his little daughter when another occupant of the house became angry and struck him with the rock.

Lake Visitor Says Charge Injured Ankle

By JOHN COOMBES

The Advertiser learned Friday of a mysterious wounding last October near the Lake Martin cottage where a 9-year-old Birmingham girl was killed Sunday night.

Joe Henry Broom, an employe of the State Military Dept., in Montgomery, said he and another Montgomery man had asked Elmore County Sheriff Lester Holley to investigate the October incident in which Broom's ankle was smashed by a mysterious charge.

METAL REMOVED

He had been exploding firecrackers in front of a Lake Martin cabin owned by J. Frank Barefield, an employee of the State Treasurer's Dept. here. The cabin stands on a rise across the slough from the cottage where Barbara King was killed by a blast which shattered her head.

Broom was standing in front of the cabin, just after dark on the evening of Saturday, Oct. 3, 1959, when he was knocked to the ground by a mysterious charge which shattered his ankle. He was taken to a Montgomery hospital for surgery and fragments of metal were removed from his ankle in the operation.

In confirming that he and Barefield would meet with Sheriff Holley Saturday, Broom gave this account of the incident:

KNOCKED DOWN

"Barefield and I were sitting out front of the cabin that Saturday night waiting for a steak to cook. I was wearing my boy's shirt. I fished in the pocket for a cigarette and found some firecrackers my boy had left in the shirt. I set them off there in front of the cottage. I can't remember how many there were, but there weren't many.

"I then stood up to find a cigarette I had laid on the ground at my side. As I stood, we heard a loud report and something hit me in the leg with such force it knocked me down.

"Whatever it was had hit my ankle. There was blood and flesh all over the place, and I began to lose a lot of blood. Barefield rushed me to Tallassee hospital where they gave me a blood transfusion, and Dr. Bennett gave me emergency treatment.

"Dr. Bennett told me the ankle was in pretty bad shape and he wanted to amputate my foot. I said I didn't want that and asked him to arrange to get me to a Montgomery hospital. They fixed up an ambulance with a bottle of blood to replace what I lost in the bleeding and rushed me to Montgomery.

UNDERGOES SURGERY

"Dr. Glenn F. Palmer examined me at the hospital and he operated on my ankle. We had had no guns at the cabin but he found lead in my foot. He did a great job on my ankle. I was in the hospital for 58 days."

Dr. Palmer confirmed that he had removed fragments of what appeared to be lead from Broom's ankle and foot.

"There was definitely some metallic material in the wound which I would say was lead. The bones of the ankle has been shattered—pulverized in fact by what seemed to be some sort of high explosive charge," Palmer said. It had caused a very mutilating type of injury. Whatever it was had passed through the ankle and apparently exploded as it left. We removed metallic fragments from the wound. Those fragments are, I believe, visible on the X-ray plates we have of the injury."

Broom, who lives at 377 Rose Lane, and Barefield, who resides at 3417 Wellington Rd., were alone at the cabin when the incident occurred. Broom's family was to drive up from Montgomery the next day to join him and watch the preliminary races of a motorboat meet which was to take place on Lake Martin that weekend.

"Happy To Be Alive!"

Alabama Mob Abducts, Flogs Man; Attacks Others

United Press International

COLUMBIANA, Ala. — Authorities last week investigated a complaint that armed white men raided the home of a colored family, pistol-whipped two men and kidnapped and flogged a third.

Junior Buie, 26, a colored man employed by a local auto agency, told Sheriff C. P. Walker he was called from his home late Wendesday night, stripped, blindfolded and flogged with a whip.

HE SUFFERED lacerations on the face, some of which required stitches. His comment "I'm happy to be alive.!"

Mrs. Andrew Reynolds told investigators the men first came to her home. She said they asked her if Buie lived there and a boarder, schoolteacher George Dailey, 30, answered "no." She said the men then knocked Dailey onto a sofa.

SHE SAID several other men came in by the back door, some also armed, and forced her husband out of his bedroom. Thinking he was Buie, the men hit him several times with guns, she said.

The men became convinced Buie lived elsewhere, and made her go call him.

BUIE SAID he had gone to bed but dressed and came out. Walker said Buie told he was walking toward the Reynolds house when the men grabbed him, struck him three times and demanded: "Where do you keep the whisky you've been hauling?"

Buie said he answered that he did not haul whisky. He said the men placed what was probably a pillow case over his head, handcuffed him and drove him to a wood where he was stripped naked, handcuffed to a tree and struck twice in the face. He said the men then lashed him with a whip, from his knees to his shoulders.

BUIE SAID the men told him not to move for 10 minutes or he would be shot, so he waited for what he considered 10 minutes after they left and walked home naked.

4 Held In Attack On Negro Student

MONTGOMERY, Feb. 29 (AP)—Police have arrested four Negroes who threw bricks and bottles at Negro students while driving through the Alabama State College campus last night.

Charged with assault and battery, disorderly conduct and destruction of property on warrants sworn out by students were Richard Johnson, Bernard Sanders, James Pearson and Willie Robinson.

Jethro Jackson, a 21-year-old student, told officers he was beaten by one of the four, who were riding in a pickup truck.

NEGRO, 16, ADMITS BEING MASTERMIND OF BURGLARY RING HERE
... Roy Coleman shown with Officers Y. J. Cope (left) and D. L. Latta

Was Negro's Companion a White Woman

By J. A. ROGERS
(Noted Historian and Courier Columnist)

Recently a Negro in a blue and white Cadillac, with Ohio license plates, with a "blonde woman companion" . . . was kidnapped from a filling station in Birmingham, Ala.

The dailies at once said she was white!

Now it is very possible that she could look blond and white . . . and yet not be white; in a land which declares that one dorp of so-called Negro blood makes a blond person a Negro.

There are millions of Americans (especially Negro Americans) who know at least one Negro indistinguishable from white . . . or what is accepted as such. This writers knows, or has known, scores of such people.

One of the whitest white women I have ever known was the daughter of an octoroon and a Canadian. She lived among Negroes . . . worked among whites.

ROBERT P. STUCKERT, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology at Ohio State University, in the Ohio Journal of Science in 1958, said the number of whites with SOME DEGREE of Negro blood strain, was 28 MILLION. This was the result of exhaustive research.

I contend, however, that this is a rather conservative estimate. It must be remembered that for 246 years (1619-1865) the mating of white men and Negro women went on uninterrupted. As Negroes became lighter, they drifted into the white race.

So white were great numbers of slaves that white persons, some even born in Europe, could be kidnapped and SOLD as NEGROES!

In the second volume of my "Sex and Race," I have given abundant evidence of this, based on records of that time. Says Stuckert: "Seventy-three per cent of Negroes have a white strain."

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NEGRO ANCESTRY might turn up anywhere, from the highest to the lowest. Years ago, in New Orleans, a prominent society matron was involved in a traffic accident.

One daily paper reported her as colored. She at once brought suit. The paper dug up her ancestry and found she had a Negro grandmother.

Another Louisianian, seeking revenge against a neighbor, dug into the man's ancestry in the parish records, only to discover that he, himself, was colored. He sold his property and left the state . . . in haste!

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NOTED POLITICAL figures, even up to the Presidency, have been said to be colored. A few days before the 1912 election, it was broadcast over the nation that President Warren G. Harding was a Negro. A book was written to prove it. Harding is said to have had a colored sister . . . same mother, same father . . . teaching in the colored schools of Washington, D. C., and living among Negroes.

Two prominent Civil War figures, accepted as white, were said to be Negroes. One was Hannibal Hamlin, Vice President with Lincoln. The other

was James B. Floyd, Confederate general and one-time candidate for President of the United States.

In March, 1948, T. John McKee, prominent Wall St. lawyer, made headlines in the dailies by revealing he was a Negro. McKee, who had left the Negro race, had discovered that his Negro grandfather, John McKee, had left an estate of $800,000. McKee, as the last living grandson, was heir to the income from it. McKee had a white wife and children, but this nest-egg (financial bonanza) was a greater temptation than his racial identity.

In 1940, let's check on another sensational case!

RKO studios, as a publicity stunt in connection with the film "Abe Lincoln of Illinois," offered a prize for the American who looked most like Lincoln.

A Negro — Atty. Thomas P. Bomar — won the prize, to the great embarrassment of millions of others, when Bomar's race was finally discovered.

Instances of Negroes being taken for whites are too numerous even to begin mentioning.

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FINALLY, AS A last thought in connection with the Birmingham episode. Could not the "blond woman" in the Cadillac have been a colored woman with bleached hair and face?

Stranger things are happening every day!

Alabama Flogging Calls Up Memories Of Others

Atlanta Daily World

Atlanta Ga

COLUMBIANA, Ala. — (ANP) — A police search is underway here for a group of white men wro kidnapped 28 year old Junior Buie from his home flogged him and left him stranded in the woods last week.

Buie told Shelby County Sheriff Red Walker that he was forced to walk clothesless through the woods to his home after the men beat him. He required treatment to facial cuts.

WORKS FOR AUTO AGENCY

Buie, 28, employed at a Columbiana auto agency, said the men accused him of hauling illegal liquor before forcing him to go with them.

He said a pillow case was placed over his head and he was forced to lie on the floor of a car while the men drove to the wooded area where he was beaten.

The men had difficulty in finding Buie's home.

They first went to the home of Andrew Reynolds, also a Negro around 9 p. m., in the search for Buie. Both Reynolds and George Dailey were hit in the face with what apparently was a pistol.

Reynolds said Dailey told officers Buie's car had been parked in their yard because of mud in the area.

Buie said the men had Reynolds' wife call for him. He was caught by the men when he was walking toward the Reynolds' home he said.

HOODLUMS IN CARS

Buie was uncertain of the number of white men who participated in the flogging, but he was sure they used two automobiles.

After handcuffing him, he said they took him to the woods and beat him. When he was released, he said they instructed him not to follow them for 10 minutes or he would be shot.

After he waited for what he thought to be 10 minutes, he started for home two miles away.

Buie's thrashing is another in a series reported in this area in the last year and a half.

RECALLS OTHER THRASHINGS

In 19558, a Negro minister, Rev. Thomas DeWitt Wesley was trailed from Alabaster where he had been preaching and taken into Bibb county and flogged.

Lawrence Brasher a Negro millhand living near here was kidnapped from his home last March and beaten by a group of white men. His wife, Mattie, ran from the house screaming after the men had driven off with her husband. Later her body was found in a nearby creek.

Police said she had apparently fallen in the creek and drowned.

Free Head Beating Victim of Charges

The Pittsburgh Courier

Pittsburgh Pa

PRICHARD, Ala. — The climax to a shocking Christmas Day "head-beating" incident was written here when George Moore, 31, Prichard police brutality victim, was freed of the three charges lodged against him in connection with the incident.

Police Court Judge Jesse V. Cochran dismissed Moore, who was held on charges of drunk and disorderly, and also an allegation of attempted rape made by a Negro woman about six days after it was known that he had complained to the FBI with regard to his accusations of police brutality.

Moore, however, was fined $10 and cost on another disorderly conduct charge, about which he also protested his innocence.

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PROF. C. E. POWELL, president of the Non-Partisan Voters League which handled Moore's defense, praised Judge Cochran for his "fairness in the case," Attorney Crawford for his "fine representation," and J. L. LeFlore, veteran civil rights leader who contributed evidence, to "sustain our contention in this case."

Powell said that the Non-Partisan Voters League is following through with its work in the area of police brutality and was prepared to spend several hundred dollars to defend the civil rights of those who may be vicitms of "this injustice."

Under LeFlore's directions, the organization had submitted a number of alleged Prichard police brutality cases to the Department of Justice.

Alabama Man Tells Of Flogging; Others Hit

Atlanta Daily World

COLUMBIANA, Ala. — (UPI) — A Negro told Sheriff C. P. Walker Thursday he was called from his home last Wednesday night, taken into the woods and flogged by several white men.

Junior Buie, 26, suffered facial cuts that required stitches. He was forced to walk home nude in near freezing weather.

Two other Negroes reported being struck by two white men who came to their homes looking for Buie, the sheriff said.

Walker said Buie told him the men demanded to know where "some of the whisky you've been hauling" was. Buie said he told them he did not haul whisky.

He said the men handcuffed him and put something like a pillow case over his head. He said they led him to an automobile and made him lie down on the floorboards in back.

They drove him about a mile and a half into the woods where they were joined by other men in another car. Buie said he was handcuffed to a tree, struck about the face with fists and stripped completely nude. Buie said he was lashed by a tree limb from his knees to his shoulders.

The men left after telling him not to move for 10 minutes, and he walked hime naked, Buie said. The sheriff said Negro Andrew Reynolds reported the men came to his house earlier and there asked Negro school teacher, George Dailey if Buie lived there.

Dailey said he told them it was not Buie's home and one of the men hit him over the head with what apparently was a gun.

Reynolds said, he was taking a bath at the time and the men came in and ordered him from the bath tub. He said he also was struck when he told them Buie did not live there.

Reynolds told the men Buie lived nearby and they had Reynolds' wife telephone Buie to come over.

Buie said he got up, dressed and walked toward Reynolds' house. He said two men grabbed him and struck him three times with what he thought was a gun.

It was then, Buie said, that he was asked about the whisky. Buie is employed by a local auto agency.

Walker said several similar incidents had been reported in Shelby County within the last year and a half. In 1958, Thomas DeWitt Wesley, a Negro minister, reported he was flogged.

Lawrence Brasher, a Negro millhand, reportedly was taken from his home last March and flogged. His wife was found dead in a creek later. Authorities said she apparently fell in and drowned.

Police Arrest One, Search For Another After Robbery

Police Thursday afternoon arrested one Negro and were searching for a second after a white woman employed at a local grocery store was clubbed and then robbed of an unknown amount of money from a cash register.

Mrs. Ellie Sharpe, employe at the Hall Street Grocery Store, 415 S. Hall St., was found by police at the store bleeding from wounds on the head. She told detectives that two Negro men came into the store, asked for some chicken, and when she turned around to go to the back of the store, she was hit on the head several times.

The blows knocked her to the floor, and while she was being struck, the second Negro took money out of the cash register. The incident took place about 1:10 p.m., the woman said.

Detectives P. L. Berrey and S. E. Sellers said Jimmie Houston, 39, 422-A S. Ripley St., was arrested about 1:30 p.m. when he ran under a bridge, at Highland and Forest avenues. He had $64.04, a cap pistol and a check made payable to Hall Street Grocery. He was held without charges.

Houston shortly afterwards admitted taking part in the robbery, but denied having hit the woman. He named his companion as Albert Rodgers. Houston said they went into the store, with Rodgers just ahead of him, then he saw his companion hit the woman.

Mrs. Sharpe was taken to Jackson Hospital where she was listed in satisfactory condition. She suffered multiple cuts of the scalp, a skull fracture and a fractured hand and finger. The last injuries, she said, she suffered when she put her hand to her head to block the blows.

Late Thursday police continued a search, using tracking dogs, for the other Negro.

White Man Fined $100 For Striking Negro

A white man who struck a Negro in a hassle over a parking space was fined $100 and costs in Recorder's Court Wednesday.

Judge D. Eugene Loe levied the fine against Cecil Harris, 498 Clanton Ave., who said he was an engineer for the Grove Court Apartments.

The incident took place about noon Saturday at Cloverdale Shopping Center.

C. J. Williams Jr., the Negro, said when a car backed out of a parking space, he drove in. Harris then came up to his car, he testified, and cursed him and "busted me in the face."

Harris admitted striking the Negro but said that Williams "knew I was waiting for that place."

He also alleged that Williams cursed him and that later, he threw a potted plant at him.

A white witness who said he did not know either party backed up Williams' account of the incident. After hitting Williams, he said, Harris jumped back in his car and drove off.

White people nearby took down the license number of Harris' car and he was later arrested for assault and battery.

Negro Slated For Chair Has Hearing

A 29-year-old Birmingham Negro scheduled to die in Kilby Prison's electric chair Friday begged Gov. John Patterson Monday to spare his life and "show the world that Alabama does believe in justice."

The plea was voiced by Charles Clarence Hamilton, who was given the death sentence in 1957 on a charge of breaking and entering an inhabited dwelling at night with intent to ravish.

Hamilton insisted at his clemency hearing that he had entered the bedroom of Mrs. Mary Giangrosso to see what was wrong after having heard her scream.

THREE ATTORNEYS

It was while he was in the room that the elderly white woman's grandson apprehended the Negro and held him at bay with a pistol until police arrived.

Three Birmingham Negro attorneys—Peter Hall, Orzell Billingsley Jr. and Oscar W. Adams—all urged that Hamilton's sentence be commuted to live imprisonment.

They cited the fact that Hamilton's crime was not a violent one and as such was not deserving of the death penalty.

"He is not a cold, deliberate criminal," Hall said.

MOTHER APPEALS

Billingsley said after conferring with Hamilton after his conviction "I have begun to wonder whether he should be in prison or in an insane asylum."

Hamilton's mother, Eliza Hamilton of Birmingham, made a brief plea for the life of her son.

"Please spare him for me," she cried before breaking down in tears.

Deputy Solicitor Cecil Deason of Birmingham in urging that the sentence of the jury be carried out, said it had been at his insistence that Hamilton be indicted and tried on the intent to ravish charge after first having been indicted for intent to rob.

The transcript of the trial showed that Hamilton was clad only in undershorts and a shirt when apprehended.

Gov. Patterson indicated he would announce a decision in the case later this week.

Five Women Meted Fines On Vice Charge

Two alleged "call girls" and three older women were convicted in Recorder's Court Thursday on charges of violating city vice statutes.

Fined $100 and costs each by Judge D. Eugene Loe were Terry Burton, 19, Nancy Jo Barron, 24, Mrs. W. M. Naramore, 52, Eva Beatty, 54, and Ann Nunnally, 62.

Two other persons were arraigned in connection with the same cases on charges of vagrancy. Harry J. Corklin was fined $100 and costs but charges against Eula Ford, 54, were dismissed for lack of evidence.

L. H. Walden, who represented all the defendants, said the convictions would be appealed to Circuit Court.

The arrests grew out of raids Feb. 19 on two houses, located at 927 Hanover Dr. and 525 Finley St.

Officers Bill Alonzo and A. E. Bland said Miss Burton and Miss Barron were arrested while they were in bedrooms with men at the Hanover drive address. The Burton woman was completely nude, they said, and the Barron woman was dressed only from the waist down.

Two reserve officers and a special investigator arranged through the older women for "dates" with the girls, Alonzo said. A sum of $100, which had been treated with a special chemical, was paid to the women for three one-hour dates.

According to a written statement obtained by officers from the younger defendant, the girls had been receiving from $15 and up for "dates" and $75 and up for "stripping engagements."

A statement which offices said was given by the Beatty woman said she had been "madam of a house" for three years.

Alonzo said that Corklin was released from service at Maxwell AFB last November with an "undesirable" discharge and that so far as police can determine, he has not held a job since.

He termed Corklin as an "errand boy" for the women but conceded there was "no direct evidence he was procuring."

Three of the defendants and one city witness came into the courtroom wearing dark glasses. City Solicitor Dave Crosland requested Judge Loe to order them taken off "so we can see them better" and the judge ordered this done.

Bland said the two houses have now been vacated and that Mrs. Nunnally is now living four-tenths of a mile outside the police jurisdiction of the city on the Old Selma Road.

Ensley Negro asks governor spare his life

BY AL STANTON
News staff writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala., April 19—A young condemned Negro insisted yesterday to Gov. John Patterson at a clemency hearing he was innocent of the crime for which he is scheduled to die early Friday.

Charles Clarence Hamilton, 29, of Birmingham, pleaded, "I come asking for mercy . . . for a crime I never committeed and never intended to commit."

HAMILTON WAS CONVICTED of nighttime burglary of an inhabited dwelling with intent to ravish.

Dep. Circuit Sol. Cecil Deason, who prosecuted the case, pointed out that the verdict had been upheld through all the court procedure under Alabama's Automatic Appeals Act.

He told Gov. Patterson, "I respectfully recommend you let the jury verdict stand."

Hamilton's three Negro attorneys said they also were trying to get a stay of execution pending granting of a writ of certiorari (review) before the U. S. Supreme Court.

TESTIMONY SHOWED Hamilton was arrested at the home of an Ensley couple, where he was found partially unclad in the bedroom of the elderly grandmother of Mrs. Jacob C. Milko, 1501 Avenue G.

Hamilton's attorneys said the evidence showed he made no attempt to attack the woman.

Several points were not cleared up in testimony, and "there is basis to doubt he is guilty," the lawyers maintained.

The condemned man's mother, Mrs. Elyiza Hamilton, in a brief appeal to the governor, tearfully asserted her son "has never given me a minute's trouble in his life."

HAMILTON SAID at the trial the grandmother had screamed at him as he stood outside.

He said yesterday he went into the house "only to see what was wrong."

He urged the governor to "show Alabama believes in justice."

Gov. Patterson said he would announce his decision in a day or two.

Hamilton was represented in the appeal by Peter Hall, Orzell Billingsley Jr. and Oscar W. Adams.

At the trial Hamilton attempted to fire his court-appointed attorney.

Judge calls jury attention to beating case

BY JOE CAMPBELL
News staff writer

BESSEMER, Ala., May 2—Circuit Judge Gardner F. Goodwyn Jr. Mon., instructing a Bessemer Division Grand Jury today, called attention to charges brought by Barbara Espy, 19, former WAC of

Alliance.

She charged that a group of men on the night of April 1 abducted her from her home and beat her.

Judge Goodwyn said it was not the general policy of the court to call attention to any specific charges in instructing a Grand Jury.

However, he said, because of the widespread publicity concerning the Barbara Espy case he was doing so.

Judge Goodwyn listed as other reasons for bringing the case to the jury's attention the positions held by the five men charged with assault and battery in the case and the fact that Bessemer Common Claims and Criminal Court had deferred trial pending Grand Jury investigation.

GOODWYN TOLD THE jurors that if their investigation so shows, the men should be cleared. If evidence justifies it, he added, they should be indicted.

"Whatever you do," he said, "should be done calmly. Justice under the law is your only guide. You should in no way be concerned with publicity or sensationalism."

Among those charged with assault and battery are Dep. Walter Dean, criminal investigator in the Bessemer sheriff's office, and Lipscomb Alderman Henry Gordon McDaniel.

Also charged by the young woman are James M. Vietch of Bessemer, Charles E. Tyler of Lipscomb and Herman McWilliams of Garywood.

CHARGING OF THE grand jury was delayed because it was learned that after prospective jurors were excused, there were only 14 members left. Four others were summoned to make up the 18-man panel.

Members of the jury and their occupations are James Walter Stallings, turn foreman, named jury foreman; Leland Curtis Thompson Jr., lineman; Jack Wischmeyer, clerk; John Newton Dabbs, inspector; Frank Will Walburn, payroll clerk;

Harry John Coughlin Sr., tar steel operator; John L. Dement, blender; Ben Perkins Harris, electrician; William Lynn Hayes, machinist; James Harold Isaacs, assistant chief engineer; Frank Marion Knight, shipping clerk; Robert Mason Nichols, produce manager; George Shaw Edwards Jr., manufacturing representative; George Dewey Staggs, crane operator; Lucius Winfield Allen, engineer; Carl Warmoth Chambers Jr., engineer;

William Taylor Edgeman, dispatcher, and Harold Herbert Maitland, roll turner.

Negro Shot Resisting Patrolman

John W. Curry, Negro, was shot twice in the left leg when he tried to resist arrest by a highway patrolman on the Eastaboga Highway six miles north of Talladega Friday night.

Highway Patrolman Carl W. Walker said that Curry attacked Patrolman Billy Hammond and attempted to take the patrolman's pistol when Mr. Hammond tried to arrest the Negro.

Mr. Walker quoted Mr. Hammond as saying he was patroling the road alone when he saw an automobile weaving back and forth along the highway. Two Negro men were in the car.

The partolman said he stopped the car and the other man, whose name was not learned, jumped out and ran, Mr. Walker said.

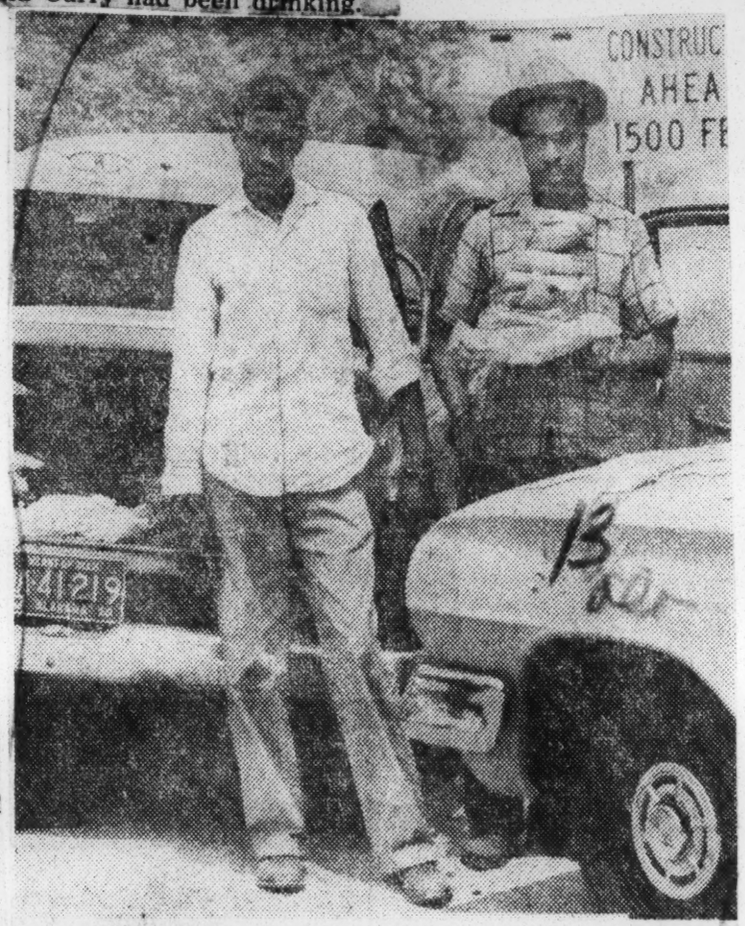
The officer forced Curry into the partol car, whereupon the Negro grabbed for the officer's pistol, the patrolman said. He quoted Curry as saying the officer "would have to kill" him to take him.

The Negro then got out of the car and the officer also alighted. Mr. Hammond was quoted as saying that the Negro then advanced toward him and got hold of his gun.

Mr. Hammond fired three shots into the ground in an effort to frighten Curry, but the Negro continued to advance on him Mr. Walker said.

The patrolman then fired two shots, both of which inflicted flesh wounds in Curry's leg, Mr. Walker said.

The officer then took Curry to Citizens Hospital. Mr. Hammond said Curry had been drinking.



PATROLMAN FINDS LOTTERY TICKETS, MONEY . . William Mahan and Finus Jones of Birmingham arrested in Shelby

Patrol holds city Negroes for lottery

COLUMBIANA, Ala., June 11 — State Highway Patrolman James L. Ware thought he was watching burglary suspects, but found two Negro men with something other than burglary tools.

Charged here with possessing lottery tickets are William Mahan and Finus Jones, both of Airport Hill in Birmingham. Both men are in their middle 30s, Ware said.

Ware said he was on routine patrol Saturday morning when he stopped at a store at the intersection of Highways 280 and Valley Road in Shelby County.

WHILE HE WAS INSIDE the store, Ware said, two Negro men came in. He said they fitted general descriptions of two burglary suspects wanted in another county.

Ware followed the two men and stopped their car near the Jefferson County line.

He found in the Negroes' car, Ware said, a "large amount" of lottery tickets and $254 in money.

THE MONEY AND tickets were together in a large number of envelopes, the patrolman said.

Ware and Patrolman W. R. Posey turned the two men and the tickets and money over to State Investigator B. L. Allen and Chief Investigator N. W. Kimbrough.

62-Year-Old Negro Bushwhacked, Beaten

A 62-year-old Negro was assaulted Saturday night by an assailant who jumped him from some bushes on Carter Hill road.

City police said 62-year-old Garfield Wright, 1530 W. Fifth St., was treated at St. Margaret's Hospital for a head gash and then released.

Wright told officers he was walking along Carter Hill road where it intersects with Hall street when another Negro suddenly leaped out of the bushes and rapped him across the head with a sharp instrument.

Asked if he were robbed, the victim replied, "No, I was broke."

Suspect Held At LaFayette Wins Release

LAFAYETTE (Special)—Circuit Judge Hubert Benson Thursday freed a Negro man held five months on a murder charge and issued a warning to law enforcement agencies against detaining a person without sufficient evidence.

In granting a writ of habeas corpus for Jimmy Lee Robinson, 26-year-old River View pulpwood worker, the jurist declared, "it is as much a part of the law to protect the innocent as to punish the guilty."

Benson ordered the Negro's release at the end of a 30-minute hearing in which County Solicitor Will O. Walton had virtually admitted there was insufficient evidence to hold the man.

CHARGED JAN. 18

Robinson was charged Jan. 18 with the murder of Jefferson Chambers, 71-year-old retired farmer of near Fairfax. The widowed Chambers and his daughter, Nella Jean, 46, were found slain in their rural home Dec. 14, 1959.

The warrant charging Robinson with Chambers' death was issued after the pulpwood worker signed a written confession to the crime. However, he later repudiated the confession.

Thursday's action by Benson followed a petition for a habeas corpus writ filed Wednesday by Lanett attorney Charles Reynolds, acting on request of Robinson's family.

Solicitor Walton told Benson during the hearing that about "95 per cent" of the officers working on the case believed Robinson was at the scene last Dec. 12 when the father and daughter were slain.

However, Walton said, he and the officers felt there wasn't sufficient evidence in Robinson's confession to present the case to the spring term of the country grand jury. The jury took no action in the case.

Walton said Robinson "didn't know what he was talking about" when he confessed to the crimes. The solicitor explained that Robinson was held for the five-month period to enable officers to investigate "all angles" of the case. The Negro had implicated about 20 persons in the slayings and all were questioned but no new evidence uncovered, Walton said.

The solicitor said that Robinson's being freed "by no means" closes the baffling double slaying case.

Hale County Negro Held In Burglary

GREENSBORO (Special)—A 17-year-old Negro boy has been charged with first degree burglary for entering a white residence here Wednesday night, Hale County Solicitor Richard Pollnitz disclosed Friday.

The youth, Walter Kenner Hamilton, has admitted entering a house occupied by a girl and her two brothers, Pollnitz said. Hamilton, charged with a capital offense in Alabama, is being held in an undisclosed place.

Until Pollnitz's statement Friday, efforts to obtain information about the case from the sheriff's office proved futile as authorities refused to divulge any details.

Pollnitz said Hamilton admitted entering the house where two young boys and their teenaged sister were. The parents were out of town. The Negro boy was arrested at his home in the Bucksnort community shortly after the burglary.

2 Athens Negroes Held In Robbery

Special to The Post-Herald

ATHENS, March 9 — Two Athens Negroes are in jail today, charged with robbing a white man of more than $100, according to Police Chief Al Corder.

Garnell Harris, 24, and Curtis Gilbert, both of Plato Jones-st, Athens, are accused of robbing Ben D. Nix, a collection agent for a mercantile firm.

Nix and his wife were making cash collections Monday night when two men grabbed Nix from behind while he was waiting in his parked automobile for his wife to make a call.

The men reportedly made off with the money in a metal box, which was on the car seat. The suspects were picked up yesterday and identified by the robbery victims.

Nix and his wife were making their rounds in a Negro residential area, collecting for the L. B. Price Co.

Mobile Girl Committed To Home

MOBILE, March 9 (AP)—A 14-year-old girl was committed today to the county detention home for telephoning a false bomb threat to a Mobile school.

Juvenile Court Judge Herndon Inge Jr., directed that the girl be committed for the remainder of the school term ending in May. The judge also placed her under indefinite commitment to a state training school.

"That was a pretty stupid thing to do," Inge told her. She made no explanation for her action.

The girl, whose name was not disclosed, was taken into custody Feb. 25. School officials said she admitted telephoning the false bomb threat Feb. 22 to Barton Academy Junior High School, where she was a student.

The girl was quoted as saying she made the call from a pay phone on the school premises.

Colbert Negro's Conviction Struck Down

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court has set aside a robbery conviction in Alabama of a man who contended he was insane when questioned about the crime.

The court, in a unanimous 9-0 decision Monday, said it will not permit criminal convictions to stand if they result from involuntary confessions.

The action came on an appeal for Jesse Blackburn, a Negro who was 24-years-old when he was convicted in Colbert County, Ala., in 1948. He received a 20-year sentence.

Blackburn was charged with robbing Thomas Clyde Wright, operator of a rolling store mounted on a truck, on a lonely road April 19, 1948. Wright was severely beaten.

Chief Justice Earl Warren, who wrote the opinion, said the court is "unable to escape the conclusion that Blackburn's confession can be characterized only as involuntary. Consequently the conviction must be set aside."

"The evidence indisputably established the strongest probability that Blackburn was insane and incompetent at the time he allegedly confessed."

Blackburn's attorney said the convicted man had spent all of his adult life in a government insane hospital and that he was a fugitive from the hospital when the robbery took place.

Disbarred Negro lawyer arrested

A recently disbarred Negro attorney was arrested today at his Fairfield home on a warrent charging him with grand larceny.

He was identified as Demetrious C. Newton, 32, of 560 56th-st, Fairfield.

Fairfield police took Newton into custody at request of the Jefferson County sheriff's office.

Newton is charged with stealing $2000, March 17. The warrant was sworn out by C. J. McNear.

Fairifeld police said Newton was recently disbarred from his law practice.

Negro Airman Is Bound Over

MONTGOMERY, March 16 (AP)—A Toledo, O., Negro airman, Henry O. L. Mays, 22, was bound over to a Grand Jury today on a charge of trying to shoot a white policeman with the officer's pistol.

His bond was set at $1000 in City Court after Mays pleaded not guilty to the charge of assault with intent to murder filed by Patrolman E. D. Estes.

Mays contended the weapon discharged accidentally while he scuffled with the policeman near a downtown bus station. Estes was not injured.

The defendant meanwhile was fined $25 and costs for carrying a concealed weapon, a razor, and $100 and costs for assaulting an officer at City Jail following his arrest March 9.

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Two white men and three Negro men were jailed on holding charges.

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2 Negroes Meted $50 Fines On Petty Larceny Charges

Two Negroes pleaded guilty to petty larceny charges in Recorder's Court Monday and were fined $50 and costs each.

Judge D. Eugene Loe assessed the fines against Willie J. Haigler, no address listed, and Dorothy Nichols, 1018 Erato St. Both admitted stealing small amounts of goods from grocery stores.

Harold Glynn, 522 Morgan Ave., was convicted under a "cover-all" city statute and fined $100 and costs. The offense involved renting of a car and failing to return it at the specified time.

Sentenced to 60 days of hard labor was Leroy Cabble, 2346 Roosevelt St., charged with carrying a concealed pistol.

Two persons were found guilty of having moonshine whisky. Elizabeth Moses, no address listed, was fined $50 and costs and William Fryer, 1416 O'Connell St., was fined $25 and costs.

Also fined $25 and costs were Benjamin Jarrett, 1002 Hill St., convicted of disorderly conduct, and John Colley, 315 May St., assault and battery.

Big Negro takes officer's weapon, threatens life

OPELIKA, Ala., March 21—(AP)—A big Negro man took a policeman's revolver away from him and threatened to kill the officer last night, authorities reported. The Negro changed his mind, dropped the weapon and fled, but was captured.

The incident involved Officers W. R. Hinson and Freddie Webster, who had arrested Tommy Lee Newsome, 32, of Columbus, Ga., for drunk driving.

The policemen said Newsome, who stands six-feet-three and weighs 240 pounds, turned on Webster, took his pistol from its holster, jammed the gun to Webster's head, and told Hinson to stand off or he would shoot Webster.

NEWSOME, however, dropped the pistol and ran. Hinson fired at him but missed.

Newsome is charged with assault with intent to murder, escape, disorderly, resisting arrest, presenting firearms, driving while intoxicated and driving without a license.

Negro child beaten from head to foot

BY JOE CAMPBELL
News staff writer

BESSEMER, Ala., April 13—A Bessemer Negro today was charged with assault with intent to murder in the beating of his 8-year-old nephew. Deputy Solicitor Howard Sullinger termed the case "one of the most brutal crimes ever to take place in the Cutoff."

Sullinger said that Willie Murry, 37, of 1014 17th-st, Bessemer, had been placed in County Jail and bond set at $2500.

Rondle Barron, criminal investigator of the solicitor's office, said the boy, Roosevelt Murry, 8, 1008 19th-st, Bessemer, is covered with welts from head to foot.

A PHYSICIAN said the boy was the worst beaten child he had ever seen.

The boy, Barron said, has been put under the care of a doctor at the Juvenile Detention Home. His mother, Maggie Murry, has been charged with neglect.

Barron said the case came to the attention of the solicitor's office yesterday when authorities received a call from a teacher at the Twenty-Second Street School, which the boy attends.

Barron said investigation indicated that three sticks were "worn out" in the beating of the child.

THE MOTHER told Barron that Roosevelt was whipped by his uncle Saturday because they could not find him the night before.

She told Barron that when they did find him he was under her house where he slept all night.

Negro Girls Arrested On Charge White Girl Jostled From Coosa Street Sidewalk

Six Negro teen-age girls were arrested and put in jail here Monday afternoon after witnesses had telephoned police they saw them knock a lone white girl from the sidewalk on Coosa Street and then heard them curse and abuse her.

The girls were placed first in the city jail and then transferred to the county jail, officers said.

Witnesses told officers that the white girl, about 13 or 14 year old, was walking on the Coos street sidewalk between Cour and Spring street and was wel on her side of the walk when sh met the group of Negro girls.

They said she was knocked from the sidewalk and then was cursed and abused before police were called to make the arrest.

The call came around 3:30 p.m. officers said.

But Negroes pointed out that there have been similar attacks upon Negroes in the past and "not in one instance" has a white man ever been brought to trial.

ROBERT JONES, 20, a sophomore at Miles College, Birmingham, said nine or 10 white men broke into his house Saturday night and beat him and his mother and sister.

The mother, Mrs. Mattie Mae Jones, 45, was hospitalized with a broken leg, broken finger and head and body bruises.

Young Jones and his sister, Luvina Jones, 18, were treated at the hospital for bruises and abrasions on the body, arms and head. Neither was admitted.

Bigots Whip Soph, Mother and Sister

BESSEMER, Ala. (ANP) — Though a thorough police investigation has been promised, Negro leaders here expressed doubt that the white men responsible for beating a militant young college student and two members of his family will be apprehended.

Police Chief George W. Barron said an intensive investigation is being made.

FLAMES DESTROY POWDERLY NEGRO SCHOOL
... Fire marshal says arsonists started blaze

Arsonists fire Negro school in Powderly

BY DICK KELSO
News staff writer

The main building of Powderly Elementary School for Negroes last night was virtually destroyed by fire which investigators said was started by arsonists who entered an open window.

Flames leaping as high as 50 feet raged through the one-story frame structure, destroying eight classrooms and an office and damaging four other classrooms. Two annexes constructed of cement blocks were not damaged.

Fire Marshal A. Rosenfeld said the arsonists set fire to both ends of the building and fled. Flames engulfed the building when they spread through an attic which contained no "fire stops," he said.

FIREMEN FROM six stations, headed by Deputy Fire Chief John Swindle, fought the blaze more than an hour before bringing it under control at 11:49 p.m. Rosenfeld estimated the fire had been set about 30 minutes before it was reported.

More than one half of the 200-foot long building was burned to the ground. Office records were recovered from a fire-proof cabinet.

Principal Augustus C. Dickinson said classes for for his 889 pupils will be conducted in the annexes. The destroyed building, built in 1949, was constructed of war surplus materials, he said.

THE FIRE MARSHAL theorized the aronists entered the rear window, walked to the opposite end of the building and started a fire in the physical education room, then returned and set fire to a bookcase near the window.

"In almost all cases of school fires," he said, "they are set by students of the school. But as yet we have no evidence that students set this fire."

Rosenfeld said firemen were hampered when the flames spread between a combustible accoustical tile and the ceiling, preventing the water from reaching the blaze.

Value of the building was not known. Further investigation will be made by Rosenfeld and Detectives C. B. Golden and M. A. Jones.

4 Indicted In Flogging

BESSEMER (AP)—A Jefferson County grand jury Saturday declined to indict Sheriff's Deputy Walter C. Dean but indicted four others in the flogging of a 19-year-old white girl.

Barbara Espy had signed warrants charging Dean and the four other men with beating her with a belt the night of April 1.

She said the men accused her of dating Negroes before she was beaten. She denied the charge.

Indicted were Henry Gordon McDaniel, an alderman from Lipscomb, Ala.; James M. Vietch of Bessemer, Charles E. Tyler of Lipscomb and Herman McWilliams of Garywood, Ala.

Four others indicted—

Deputy is cleared by Bessemer jury

BY JOE CAMPBELL, News staff writer

BESSEMER, Ala., May 7—A Bessemer Division Grand Jury Saturday declined to indict Sheriff's Deputy Walter C. Dean in the April 1 flogging of a 19-year-old ex-WAC.

The grand jury, however, returned indictments against four other persons in the case.

Charges still pending

ALTHOUGH NO OTHER names except Dean's have been mentioned in connec with the Grand Jury action, lower court charges were pending against Dean and against Lipscomb Alderman Henry Gordon McDaniel, James M. Vietch of Bessemer, Charles E. Tyler of Lipscomb and Herman McWilliams of Garywood.

They had been charged in Bessemer Civil and Criminal Court with assault and battery in connection with the flogging of Barbara Espy of Alliance.

IN RETURNING THE indictments, the Grand Jury recommended that any Civil and Criminal Court charges against the men be dropped and that all prosecutions in the case be in Circuit Court.

The Grand Jury reported that it had "found no credible evidence of any kind to connect Deputy Sheriff Walter C. Dean with the commission of any offense complained of."

It asked the judge of the Bessemer Civil and Criminal Court to nol prosse or dismiss assault and battery charges pending against Dean in that court.

Negro Linked In Alabama State Fracas Faces Jury

A Negro who took part in a disturbance at Alabama State College Sunday night was bound over to the grand jury Wednesday on a felony charge and was found guilty of four misdemeanor charges.

James Pearson, 748 Nash St., pleaded guilty to burglary and grand larceny in a hearing before Recorder's Court Judge D. Eugene Loe. His bond was set at $500.

Pearson is accusing of taking clothing valued at $140 from the home of another Negro at 2309 Ajax St.

Another felony case against Pearson, that of nighttime burglary was continued. He pleaded not guilty to this charge, filed after a Negro woman reported the theft of $10 from her house.

In the misdemeanor cases, Pearson was sentenced to 60 days of hard labor for escape from custody on Feb. 18, sentenced to 30 days for assault and battery, fined $50 and costs for disorderly conduct and fined another $50 and costs for destruction of property.

The latter three offenses were in connection with an affray on the campus in which a student, Jethro Jackson, was beaten about the head with an iron pipe.

Pearson admitted striking Jackson but claimed a group of students, including Jackson, first threw bottles at his pickup truck.

A companion of Pearson, Bernard Sanders, 636 Columbia Ave., was fined $50 and costs for taking part in the disturbance.

In other cases Wednesday, Will Beeman, Negro of Rt. 3, Montgomery, was bound over to the grand jury under $300 bond for manslaughter. The case involves a car-train accident in which a Negro youth was killed.

Sentenced to 60 days of hard labor for larceny of a camera from 413 Underwood St. was Jimmy Kirksey, 3504 Clearview St.

Two white youths, William E. Wood, 16, of 449 Sayre St., and Robert C. Gregory, alias Raphael C. Gregory, were fined $50 and costs each for using a car without the owner's consent.

3-Year Term Meted Negro In Ring Theft

By ARTHUR OSGOODE

Hattiesburg, Miss. — Negro calmly accepted a three-year prison sentence from Circuit Judge Eugene Carter here Tuesday, then flashed a sparkling smile that featured a gold front tooth with a diamond inset.

The smile, made at Carter's request, was for the judge's young niece, who was visiting in the courtroom.

Diamonds have been Croft's undoing. He was found guilty by a Circuit Court jury of deftly substituting a $60 ring for one worth $2,350 at Klein and Sons, local jewelry store.

APPROVAL AWAITED

Croft's trial was delayed several minutes Tuesday morning while the court awaited approval of his three Hattiesburg attorneys by a member of the board of commissioners of the Alabama Bar Assn.

Judge Carter explained that the bar association had adopted a rule against allowing out-of-state attorneys to conduct legal proceedings in Alabama courts without such endorsement.

He said that it was the first time the rule had been put into effect in his court. It has been in effect less than a year.

The three Mississippians, Karl Kepper, Edward Currie, and Davis Fortenberry, were approved by T. B. Hill.

BASED CASE

Solicitor William Thetford and Deputy Solicitor Robert Stewart based their case against Croft largely on the testimony of Albert A. Watt, Klein manager.

Watt said Croft entered the store, and asked to see a 60-point diamond ring. This was "highly unusual," said Watt, since most customers ask for stones in terms of carats, and "point" (one per cent of a carat) is a more technical term.

He said his attention was distracted by a store employe as he showed the Negro two diamond rings from two different trays. Croft, he said, decided on one of the two rings and asked if he could arrange to pay for it in installments.

BUY RING

Later, said Watt, after Croft had left without completing arrangements to buy the ring, it was discovered that a $2,350 diamond in a platinum setting was missing from one of the two trays Croft had examined.

In place of the missing ring was another—described as "rubbish" by Watt—worth only about $60.

On discovery of the theft, said Watt, he got in touch with the Jewelers Alliance. The Pinkerton Detective Agency provided him with pictures of gem thieves, among which was Croft's, he related.

He also testified he picked out Croft in a police lineup in Hattiesburg.

Gordon Hosselton, credit manager at the jewelry store, declined to postively identify Croft, but said his voice sounded the same.

JEWEL THEFT

The defense presented no witnesses and Croft did not take the stand. His attorney, Kepper, argued that the state had failed to link Croft to the jewel theft.

He cross-examined Watt at length on his identification of Croft and sought to show that he was led to pick Croft from among three Negroes in Hattiesburg because he was better dressed than the other two.

Croft is a neat dresser, has a soft voice and polite manner.

'I THINK I WAS DOPED' Visitor Blames Whisky For School Bomb Hoax

By DICK HINES

A burly Canadian who was arrested here Tuesday in connection with a school bomb hoax blamed whisky, not concern over racial problems, for his predicament.

"I was drunk," said 35-year-old Kenneth Richard Frank Patterson.

Patterson was picked up by police at a local bus station for questioning about a call to New York in which it was stated that four bombs would explode in high schools in Montgomery.

He is charged with disorderly conduct but is being held for further investigation and interrogation.

ADMITS PHONE CALL

An incident report on the arrest says Patterson admitted making a long distance call to the Associated Press in New York "to get sympathy and publicity" for Negroes in the South.

Sgt. E. L. Wright and R. F. Houlton of the Detective Division said Patterson told them he decided to make the call after talking with two Negroes here about recent racial demonstrations in Montgomery.

In an interview at the jail, Patterson said he was "not interested" in the racial issue and he blamed drinking for the bombing hoax.

"I think I was doped," he said. "I don't remember calling them. I don't know anyone at Associated Press."

Patterson gave his home address as Galt, Ontario, but claimed that he is an American citizen. He said he was a "salesman of general merchandise" and was headed for New Orleans "on vacation."

He arrived in Montgomery Monday morning and "got drunk," Patterson said.

"I was blank for about three hours," he said.

"I think someone else used the phone in my name," the bleary-eyed suspect said. "Or, drunk as I was, someone else had me make the call."

"I know there was one or two other people in my hotel room because they helped me pack my suitcases," he added.

ARRESTED ON BUS

Patterson was arrested on a Greyhound bus about 2:57 a.m. Tuesday. The bus was scheduled to leave for New Orleans.

The call to New York was placed from the Jefferson Davis Hotel less than an hour earlier and about 13 minutes before Patterson checked out of the hotel.

"I had intended to spend the night," Patterson said. "But a bellboy said, 'You'd be better off leaving town.'"

The call to New York cost Patterson slightly more than $9.

AP in New York, after receiving the call, notified the Atlanta AP Bureau. Rex Thomas, AP staffer in Montgomery, was then notified and he, in turn, called police.

An immigration officer from Atlanta arrived in Montgomery Tuesday afternoon and questioned Patterson at the jail in an attempt to learn if he had lawfully entered the United States from Canada.

It was not known immediately if Canadian authorities would seek to extradite the suspect.

FBI Aid Sought In Flogging Case

BIRMINGHAM (AP) — Miss Barbara Espy talked with the FBI Friday and said she plans to bring civil rights action against the men she accused of flogging her last Friday night.

The 19-year-old brunette from the Alliance community was seen entering the FBI office Friday but federal agents declined comment.

Assistant U.S. District Attorney George Blinn said he referred Miss Espy, who is white, to the FBI because it makes investigations of alleged civil rights violations.

Five men are charged with assault and battery and are free on $250 bond each.

Miss Espy said a group of men took her from her house Friday night, stripped her and then beat her with belts until she signed a statement admitting dating Negroes. She denied that she has dated Negroes.

Trials Reset In Flogging

BESSEMER (AP) — Trials of five men accused in the flogging of Barbara Espy will be held up for a grand jury investigation next month.

Criminal Court Judge Richard V. Jordan continued the cases Thursday, saying:

"The public good and the interest of justice to this victim and the defendants would best be serviced by further investigation."

Miss Espy, 19, a former WAC, charged in warrants last week that the five were in a group of men who abducted her, stripped her and beat her with belts.

She said the men accused her of dating Negroes and beat her until she signed a statement admitting it.

The five named in the warrants were sheriff's investigator Walter Dean, Henry Gordon McDaniel, James M. Vietch, Charles E. Tyler and Herman McWilliams, all of the Bessemer area.

By Helena Policeman

FBI To Probe Negro's Shooting

The U. S. attorney general's office yesterday asked the FBI here to make a preliminary investigation into the shooting of a Negro, Theotis Crymes, 26, last March 19 by Helena Police Officer Roy Damron.

The Negro was struck in the back by a slug from the officer's revolver. The bullet severed his spine and officials at the Veterans Administration Hospital here said Crymes' lower limbs would be paralyzed for life.

The Montevallo Negro first was taken to Shelby Memorial Hospital at Alabaster, then transferred here.

Bullet Enters Back

The bullet entered his back and lodged in the upper chest, medical officials said.

The FBI office here said the inquiry into the shooting would begin immediately, and the results would be reported to Washington.

Asst. Atty. Gen. Joseph M. F. Ryan Jr., of the Justice Dept.'s civil rights division, requested the investigation.

Chase Is Described

Damron said he and George Anderson of Helena, a Civil Defense policeman, chased a car occupied by Crymes and another Negro several miles, from out on the Helena-Bessemer road to about two miles beyond Maylene, near Montevallo, at times racing at 95 miles an hour.

He said the intention was to stop the car on suspicion of drunk driving.

The officer said when Crymes got out of the car, he came out fighting with a knife in his hand. After a prolonged scuffle, the Negro was faced up against the car to be searched, when he grabbed for Damron's revolver, and it went off, Damron said.

Damron said he still had the knife taken from the Negro.

Says rights violated

Ex-Wac goes to FBI in flog case

BY JOE CAMPBELL
News staff writer

Former WAC Barbara Espy today appeared at the Federal Bureau of Investigation office in Birmingham and said she planned to file violation of civil rights charges against men she claims beat her last Friday night.

The 19-year-old Alliance community girl first visited the office of Asst. U. S. District Atty. George Blinn.

AFTER A BRIEF conference, Blinn said he referred the girl to the FBI because that is where the civil rights charges would have to be reported and investigated.

The girl previously had obtained warrants for five men—including a sheriff's investigator and Lipscomb alderman — charging them with assault and battery.

Meanwhile, the family of the girl reportedly will retain a special prosecutor in the case.

Miss Espy also said she will swear out kidnap warrants for some of the men she has accused of abducting her from her home and beating her to obtain a "confession" she had been dating Negroes.

The girl yesterday obtained a warrant for Sheriff's Investigator Walter Dean. He was released on $250 bond.

Sheriff Holt A. McDowell and Chief Deputy Clyde Morris said Dean would remain on the job pending outcome of the trial on the misdemeanor charge.

Four other men, including a Lipscomb alderman, were released on similar bonds after being arrested on warrants signed by the girl Wednesday.

The four charged initially are Henry Gordon McDaniels, Lipscomb alderman; Charles E. Tyler of Lipscomb; Herman McWilliams of Garywood, and James M. Vietch of Bessemer.

The four were arrested when deputies stopped a car carrying the victim shortly after the beating.

McDowell said yesterday that after hearing a recording of radio communications Friday night, he was assured Dean was not at the scene of the beating.

Negro Cleared Of Assaulting White Youth

A Negro tailor Friday was cleared of a charge of assaulting a white youth with a knife after Recorder's Court Judge D. Eugene Loe compared the records of the defendant and plaintiff.

Leroy Salter, 433 S. Bainbridge St., an employe of Standard Clothing Co., admitted cutting at Don House, 17, during an altercation in a downtown drug store. But he said House struck him first.

Judge Loe announced his decision to free Salter in a courtroom crowded with Negroes and whites. Most of them came to court to attend mass trails for 20 persons arrested Thursday on disorderly conduct following an inter-racial dinner.

Evidence showed that Salter had no previous police record and his employer, a white man, stated he was a "truthful employe" with no reputation for violence. House, on the other hand, admitted having been arrested previously for disorderly conduct.

"I find here that Leroy does have a good reputation," the judge said. "I find Don House has a reputation for fighting. Out of an abundance of precaution, Leroy, I find you not guilty."

House, who lives at 106 S. Jackson St., said Salter put out his elbow and "bumped" him as the two passed each other while walking along Court street near Lee's Drug Store.

Salter went in the drug store and House said he followed him in to ask him about the bumping.

"He got right up in my face and had his hand in his pocket and I hit him," House testified.

Salter then slashed at him with the knife, cutting through a jacket he said.

Salter said he had just got off from work and was headed to the drug store to make a purchase.

"If I bumped him, I didn't do it intentionally," he said.

4 NEGROES JAILED

3 Wounded In Spree By Birmingham Youths

BIRMINGHAM (AP) — Police are seeking to unravel events that led to an outbreak of shootings involving teen-age Negroes which started on the grounds of a Negro high school.

Authorities are holding six youths. Two sawed off rifles and several switch-blade knives were seized.

Police said three persons were wounded—two by rifle bullets and another with a knife—after two of the Negro youths later carried their escapade to the opposite side of town.

The incident at the school took place during the morning, officers said, while the victims of the later attacks were all adults, apparently fired on at random.

No one was injured in the outbreak at the school, which officers said traced to the expulsion of one of the youths being held.

Officers said the youths held in connection with wounding the three men have given no reason for their action.

Detective C. L. Pierce said George Young and Leroy Hall, both 16, are being held in city jail on two counts of robbery and several counts of assault with intent to murder.

Held for investigation in connection with the shooting on the grounds at Parker High School Tuesday are three juveniles and Willie F. Earl, 16. Police said all were Negroes.

Pierce said Young had been expelled from the high school earlier and he and Hall apparently went back to the school armed for revenge.

The Parker students, he said, apparently had armed to defend themselves.

The outbreak took place on the grounds in back of the rambling high school which has about 2,000 students. The school is on Birmingham's north side, about a mile from the main business section.

Police said Young and Hall carried out their shooting escapade in the Woodlawn area, several miles from the school.

Joe Treadwell, wounded in the Woodlawn incidents, was admitted to a hospital with a bullet wound in the hip.

James Criswell was admitted to another hospital with a bullet wound in one arm and a stab wound in the other. He said the youths attempted to rob him.

Fuel Headley, 19, was treated and released from a hospital for cuts on the lip, face and forearm. He said the youths took about 75 cents from him.

Jim Copeland and Joe Cook told police they were shot at as they were riding in an automobile.

Marvin Reed said he was shot at, too.

One of the sawed off rifles, a 22-caliber, was seized from Young after he and Hall were taken into custody, Pierce said. He said the other rifle was seized from a student at the high school.